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Mudslides kill almost 260 in Brazil

Cars sit in debris in a flooded street in Teresopolis, Rio de Janeiro state, Brazil, Wednesday Jan. 12, 2011. Torrential summer rains tore through Rio de Janeiro state's mountains, killing at least 140 people in 24 hours, Brazilian officials said Wednesday.

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David Nelson dead at 74



*A family is gone, but its
best years live on film*

FILE - This file photo taken May 9, 1996, on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles actor and director David Nelson poses with his grandson Michael Woolery and family friend Ashley Holt as he is honored with the 2,065th star. Nelson, who starred on his parents' popular television show, 'The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet' died in Los Angeles Monday. He was 74.

*(AP Photo/Nick Ut, File)
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Illinois governor to "reflect" before death penalty decision

Illinois Governor Pat Quinn speaks to the media in 2010. Lawmakers in Illinois voted Tuesday to abolish the death penalty, which would cap a decade of debate in the midwestern state on wrong convictions and the fairness of capital punishment.

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SPRINGFIELD, Illinois — Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn said on Wednesday he would "reflect" on the death penalty ban passed by the state legislature before deciding whether to sign it.

"Anyone in Illinois who has an opinion, I'm happy to listen and reflect and I'll follow my conscience," Quinn told reporters. If he

agrees to the ban, Illinois will be the first state since 2009 to abolish executions. The Illinois Senate voted for the ban Tuesday afternoon. The House had approved it last week. Quinn said the opinion of the members of the legislature is "very serious indeed."

Illinois has not executed anyone for more than a decade

after former Republican Gov. George Ryan imposed a moratorium on the death penalty in January 2000. This followed a series of revelations that more than a dozen people had been sent to Death Row who were later found to be innocent. Quinn, a Democrat, has said in the past that he approved of the death penalty for the most heinous crimes, but wanted to continue the moratorium. Ryan took 167 prisoners off the state's Death Row in 2003, and pardoned another 4. According to the Illinois Coalition Against the Death Penalty, 20 Illinois Death Row prisoners were found innocent. Reasons for release included prosecutorial errors, lying by witnesses and confessions by others. Lawrence Marshall, a

Stanford Law School professor who had represented several freed Illinois Death Row inmates, said the problem with trying to limit the death penalty to "heinous" crimes is that the emotion surrounding those crimes can lead to errors.

"It's the very kind of passion that triggers the desire for the death penalty in a particular case that does have the potential to be blinding," said Marshall, who co-founded the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University.

Among Marshall's clients was Rolando Cruz, who was on Death Row for years for the 1983 murder of 10-year-old Jeanine Nicarico, even though another man, Brian Dugan, admitted to the crime. After Cruz was freed,

Dugan was convicted and is now on Death Row.

Opponents of lifting the ban include the Illinois State's Attorneys Association, which has said the death penalty is needed for law enforcement and to achieve justice.

If Quinn signs the bill, Illinois would be the 16th state, plus the District of Columbia, to have no death penalty. New Mexico in 2009 was the last state to abolish the death penalty. There have been no executions in Illinois since 1999. The number of executions in the U.S. dropped 12 percent last year, according to the Death Penalty Information Center. Other states where legislation has been introduced to ban the death penalty include Colorado and Kansas. □

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Officer stopped suspect on day of Ariz. Shooting

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WASHINGTON — Leading the nation in mourning, President Barack Obama flew to Arizona Wednesday to pay tribute to the six people killed in the weekend shootings and to the fighting spirit of wounded lawmaker Gabrielle Giffords, the target of the first assassination attempt on a member of Congress in decades.

Searching for the right tone, Obama sought to console the country, not dissect its politics. Obama and his wife, Michelle, headed for a nighttime service in Tucson with a bipartisan delegation aboard Air Force One in a sign of solidarity.

Back on Capitol Hill, Giffords' House colleagues praised her and the other shooting victims and insisted that violence would not silence democracy. "We will have the last word," declared new House Speaker John Boehner. He fought back tears as he described Giffords' battle to recover from Saturday's gunshot wound to her head.

Obama was again playing the role of national consoler that comes to all presidents and, in rare times, helps define them.

He drew on his own somber experience, following the shooting rampage by one of the

military's own members at the Fort Hood army post in 2009. Then, as expected now, Obama focused his comments on how the victims led their lives. In Tucson, where thousands gathered for a public service at the University of Arizona's basketball arena, Obama was to meet privately with the families of those killed and wounded. In total, 19 people were shot, six fatally. Others were injured trying to flee the shooting.

The president was fine-tuning his speech as he flew across the country. He was to be the last speaker at the event.

His main mission was to give a warm and honorable portrait of the six people who were killed at Giffords' community outreach gathering last Saturday. Their stories have already taken hold in a country consumed by this sad story; among those who died were a 9-year-old-girl, a prominent judge and an aide to Giffords who was engaged to be married.

Obama was expected to speak about the courage of those who intervened to tackle the gunman and help the wounded. He was also assuring grieving families that the country was behind them. And to those grasping for answers, Obama was likely to explore how "we can come

together as a stronger nation" in the aftermath of the tragedy, as he put it earlier this week.

In times of calamity, the country has long turned to its presidents for the right words of assurance. It is test of leadership that comes with the job.

Recent history recalls George W. Bush with a bullhorn amid the rubble of Sept. 11, 2001, Bill Clinton's leadership after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 and Ronald Reagan's response to the explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986, when he spoke about being "pained to the core."

For Obama, the most instructive lesson may be one from his own presidency.

He led the memorial at Fort Hood, trying to help a shaken nation cope with a mass shooting that left 13 people dead and more than two dozen wounded. He spent the first part of that speech naming the people who had been killed and describing how they spent their lives; he used the second half to remind everyone of American endurance and justice.

The shootings, apparently a brazen attempt to kill a member of Congress, shattered a Saturday event Giffords had organized outside a grocery as a way for her constituents to chat with her.



Roxanna Green, mother of nine-year-old shooting victim Christina-Taylor Green, center, is shown during a community Mass to mourn the victims of Saturday's shooting, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 at St. Odilia Catholic Church in Tucson, Ariz.

(AP Photo/Greg Bryan, Pool)

The violent episode has sparked a broader debate, unfolding in the media for days, about whether the vitriol of today's politics played a role. Obama has long called for the importance of more civil political discourse, but he has made no comments on that in connection to this shooting, and he was not expected to choose Wednesday night's event as the forum to do so.

Police say the man accused of the shootings, 22-year-old Jared Lee Loughner, shot Giffords as well as many in the line of people waiting to talk with her. The attack ended when bystanders tackled the man. He is in jail on federal charges as police continue to investigate.

Four days after the shootings,

Giffords was making small movements on her own. The three-term Democrat was expected to live. Obama was joined on Air Force One by Republican members of Arizona's congressional delegation, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, Attorney General Eric Holder and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

By mid-afternoon, the university said 17,000 people were in line for the event, exceeding the arena's intended capacity. Overflow seating was set up at the school's football stadium, with a video of the proceedings to be played on the scoreboard screen. □

U.S. recaptures Canadian fugitive after 30 years

MIAMI (Reuters) — A Canadian fugitive who escaped U.S. custody by faking a heart attack has been arrested in Florida on marijuana trafficking charges after 30 years on the lam, the U.S. Marshals Service said on Wednesday.

Ian Jackson MacDonald, now 71, was initially arrested in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in 1980, under a warrant issued in his hometown of Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was charged with conspiring with a Manitoba legislator and several other people to import up to 500 pounds (225 kg) of marijuana to Canada.

A tall, beefy blond who ran a yacht brokerage and was known as "Big

Mac," he was held in a federal prison while awaiting extradition. He feigned a heart attack a few days later and was taken to a hospital, the Marshals Service said.

There, MacDonald persuaded a private security guard to unshackle his legs so he could take a shower, and fled when the guard stepped away to the nurse's station, it said.

His trail went dormant until last year, when the U.S. Marshals Service in Miami formed a cold case squad to investigate fugitive cases more than 10 years old.

They went back through the files and found a handwritten note containing information about MacDonald's wife, Angela MacDonald.

Marshals Service spokesman Barry Golden declined to say what that "little scrap" of information was. But it led investigators to rural Pennsylvania, where the MacDonalds had lived under the names Jack and Angela Hunter, the service said.

Investigators found the couple also used those names to buy a house in the central Florida town of Homosassa, and MacDonald was captured there on Tuesday.

He initially gave his name as Jack Hunter, then admitted, "You got me," the Marshals Service said.

"I have been looking over my shoulder all these years. I wondered when this day would come," it



quoted him as saying.

Now white haired and bespectacled, he still faces the original Canadian charges along with U.S. charges of escape. □

Winter storm buries parts of U.S. Northeast in snow



PAT EATON-ROBB

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Connecticut (AP) — The third winter storm in three weeks buried parts of the Northeast in nearly 2 feet of wet, blowing snow Wednesday, smothering highways, halting trains, and

causing thousands of homes and business to go cold and dark.

The storm, which iced over much of the South before sweeping up the East Coast, wreaked havoc on the morning commute across southern New England.

In Massachusetts, Gov. Deval Patrick declared a state of emergency and mobilized the National Guard.

He said the storm brought more snow and a wetter kind of snow than officials expected, leaving more than 100,000 people without power or heat.

In New York, where city leaders took heavy criticism for their slow response to a Dec. 26 blizzard, officials rolled out a massive response that quickly cleared the streets. They also received some help from nature, with only 9 inches of snow falling in Central Park — well short of 20 inches in last month's storm.

This time, the deepest snow fell farther north.

The roof of an apartment

building in Norwich partially collapsed under the weight of the snow, forcing 10 people from their homes. State troopers, working double shifts on orders of the governor, responded to about 900 spinouts, fender-benders and stranded vehicles.

The 22.5 inches recorded at Bradley International Airport set a one-day record for snowfall in the Hartford area. Motorists from the Carolinas to Maine were cautioned to stay off the roads.

Scores of schools, businesses and government offices closed. And more than 1,700 flights were canceled at the New York region's three airports, which were trying to resume normal operations Wednesday.

Commuter rail service was

delayed or suspended across the region, and Amtrak suspended service between New York City and Boston because of damage to the overhead power system south of Boston.

Scattered power outages were reported in Connecticut and Rhode Island in addition to the blackouts in Massachusetts.

As the storm swept north, the National Weather Service reported snow on the ground in every state except Florida. That included Hawaii, which had 7 inches on the top of the Mauna Kea mountain.

"I think it has happened in the past, but it's not very often that it happens," said James Peronto of the weather service. The weather has been blamed for at least 17 deaths and many more injuries since Sunday. □

Obama approval rises as economy improves.

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is getting a bump in his approval ratings from an improving economy but Americans want him to focus on reducing debt and spending, a Reuters/Ipsos poll showed on Wednesday. The poll found reasons for optimism for Obama as he searches for areas of compromise with newly emboldened Republicans this year and lays the groundwork for his 2012 re-election bid.

Obama's job approval rating went up to 50 percent from 45 percent in December, the first time Obama has achieved 50 percent approval in this poll since last June.

Still, many Americans still do not approve of his job performance 47 percent disapproved of him in this poll, compared to 46 percent in December.

With the economy showing signs of picking up its pace of growth, more Americans are likely to say the country is on the right track 36 percent in January, up from 29 percent in December. □

U.S. crop stockpile thins as weather and demand drive prices



WASHINGTON — The United States, long the breadbasket to the world, is expected to confirm on Wednesday that its grain stockpiles are the lowest in years, darkening hopes for any quick relief from surging global food prices.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture was expected to show in its monthly crop report a further deterioration in supplies at home, and to forecast how severe weather was hurting harvests from such powerhouses at Argentina and Australia.

World grain markets have been surging on bad weather and rising demand. With this backdrop, governments around the world are increasingly worried about

food inflation after the UN Food and Agriculture Organization recently said international food prices have topped the previous record set in 2008.

Forecasts for year-end inventories of U.S. corn used to make food, feed and fuel were expected to fall nearly 8 percent to 10.1 billion bushels, the lowest level in a decade and a half, according to analysts' estimates.

In the report, the USDA will likely add to the gloom with further details of the impact of searing drought in Argentina, one of the world's biggest exporters of soybeans and corn.

Forecasts for Australia's wheat crop are also expected to be

dire as the country struggles with massive flooding.

With 2010 expected to be one of the warmest on record and which saw floods in Pakistan and drought in the Black Sea wheat belt, world farm stocks were already strained.

CHINA DEMAND BOOMS Chinese demand is expected to lead to the fifth straight monthly cut in U.S. soybean ending stocks in the report, according to analysts, with stockpiles falling to 156 million bushels, down from USDA's last estimate of 165 million.

A bright spot on the horizon could be that higher prices should drive U.S. farmers into the fields to plant more crops. World wheat production

could be on the rise in the United States and elsewhere. Analysts are expecting the USDA to show a 10 percent rise in U.S. winter wheat acres planted from last year, meaning a sharp increase in supply if weather remains favorable.

An increase had been expected after Chicago wheat futures surged to a two-year high in August when drought withered Russia's big crop, prompting the country to suspend exports.

American farmers also are looking to substantially boost sowing of corn and cotton this year to take advantage of high prices, according to a Reuters survey released on Tuesday.

A random survey of 436 farmers and ranchers at the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting found they plan to increase wheat plantings by nearly 25 percent, with some farmers planting thousands more acres than last year.

Increases also were predicted for cotton, up 11.5 percent, and corn, increasing 4.3 percent. The sole decrease was 1.9 percent for soybeans.

"There is going to be a large, large net increase in the top four or five crops," said Rich Nelson, analyst with Allendale Inc, a research firm and brokerage.

Gov. Quinn promises to quickly sign Ill. tax hike

SPRINGFIELD, — Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn defended a massive increase in state income taxes passed by lawmakers Wednesday and promised to quickly sign the measure to help heal the state's ailing finances.

Lawmakers worked overnight to pass the increase to raise the personal income tax rate from 3 percent to 5 percent for four years a 66 percent increase. Corporate income taxes also will rise, but Quinn rejected the notion that it would decimate businesses.

The rate increase might be the biggest any state has adopted in percentage terms while grappling with recent economic woes. Nevertheless, Illinois' tax rate would remain lower than in several other states in the region.

"It's important for their state government not to be a fiscal basket case," Quinn told reporters outside his Capitol office.

Legislative leaders rushed early Wednesday to pass the politically risky plan before a new General Assembly was sworn in at noon, taking a slice out of the Democratic

majority and removing lame-duck lawmakers willing to support the tax before leaving office.

The tax increase would temporarily raise the personal tax rate to 5 percent, a two-thirds increase from the current 3 percent rate. Corporate taxes also would climb as part of the effort to close a budget hole that could hit \$15 billion this year. Quinn's office said the higher taxes will generate about \$6.8 billion a year a major increase by any measure.

The tax increase will be coupled with strict 2 percent limits on spending growth. If officials spend above those limits, the tax increase will automatically be canceled. The plan's supporters warned that rising pension and health care costs probably will eat up all the spending allowed by the caps, forcing cuts in other areas of government.

Other pieces of the budget plan failed. Lawmakers rejected a \$1-a-pack increase in cigarette taxes, which would have provided money for schools. They also blocked a plan to borrow \$8.7 billion to pay off

overdue bills, which means long-suffering businesses and social-service agencies won't get their money anytime soon. House Speaker Michael Madigan said Republicans should have supported some parts of the plan instead of voting against everything. The proposal passed the House on Tuesday night 60-57, the bare minimum. No Republicans backed the measure there or in the Senate, where the measure passed 30-29.

"They're on the sidelines. They don't want to get on the field of play," the Chicago Democrat said. "I'm happy that the day has ended."

But Republicans noted they were not included in negotiations. They also fundamentally reject the idea of raising taxes after years of spending growth.

"We're saying to the people of Illinois, 'For eight years we've overspent, now we're going to make it your problem,'" said Rep. Roger Eddy. "We're making up for our mistakes on your back."

The increase means an Illinois resident who now owes \$1,000 in state income taxes



will pay \$1,666 at the new rate. After four years, the rate drops to 3.75 percent and that same taxpayer will then owe \$1,250.

Republicans predict the tax eventually will be made permanent.

"It's a cruel hoax to play on citizens to say this is temporary," said House Minority Leader Tom Cross, R-Oswego.

Republicans also accused Democrats of doing irreparable harm to Illinois families and businesses. Business leaders decried the proposal as a job-killer.

"Based on this particular legislation the only businesses that will benefit are the moving companies that will be helping many of my members move out of this particular state," said Gregory Baise, head of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.

Governors of some neighboring states quickly jumped on the issue. Republican Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, who took office last week has already proposed a tax cut for businesses that relocate to Wisconsin from other states, invited companies to head north. □

Illinois business leaders bristle at planned tax hike



CHICAGO — Illinois companies hit by an extended economic downturn say the state's proposed remedy to its own financial crisis a beefy tax increase will deplete investment in local businesses, trigger job losses and force companies to leave the state.

Their outrage followed an income tax increase that passed the Illinois House and Senate on Wednesday.

The measure, which would raise the individual income

tax rate temporarily to 5 percent from 3 percent and the corporate tax rate to 7 percent from 4.8 percent, is now headed to the desk of Governor Pat Quinn, who supports the measure.

The legislation would raise about \$6.8 billion a year.

"There is generally a sense of shock that taxes have gone up as much as they have," said Todd Maisch, vice president of government affairs for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. "It's hard to

quantify at this point, but we expect it to have a very negative impact," he said.

"During the debate, legislators they said that they had heard from businesses in their districts over the weekend that if something like this went through, they were going to have employers move across state lines," he said.

Maisch said the increase would raise Illinois's corporate tax rate higher than that of several neighboring states. When a 2.5 percent personal property replacement tax is factored in, the rate would be 9.5 percent, compared with 7.9 percent in Wisconsin, 8.5 percent in Indiana, 6 percent in Kentucky, 4.95 percent in Michigan and 9.8 percent in Minnesota.

William Brodsky, chief executive of CBOE Holdings, said that while the fiscal woes of Illinois have not yet

crimped his ability to recruit talent, they will do so.

"We're greatly disappointed at the lack of a comprehensive approach to our state's dire financial situation," Brodsky said by email.

"Merely throwing tax dollars at a broken system, without overhauling the expense side of the ledger, compounds the problem and undermines the financial recovery for every business and citizen in our state," he said.

Other states such as California and New York may also be in fiscal straits, he said, but they have natural enticements that will keep talent coming anyway. Illinois needs to be able to offer more, he said last month. "They don't come here for the weather, I tell you."

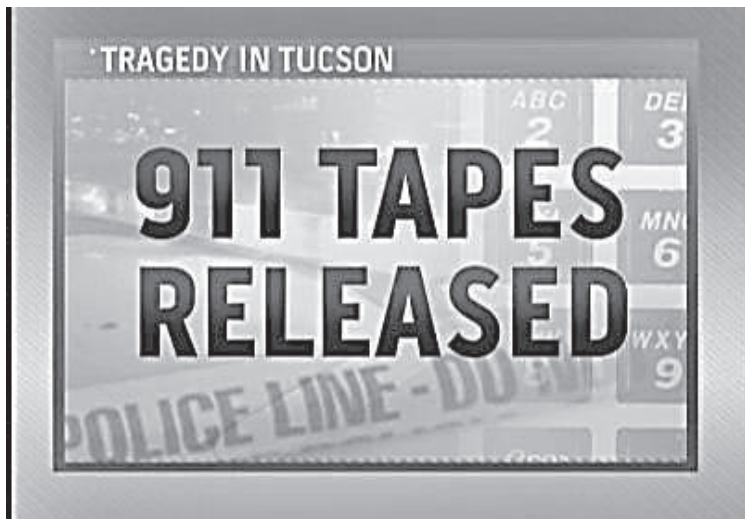
Brodsky was on a committee that helped convince Boeing to move its headquarters to

Chicago some years ago, he said. Faced with the probability of higher taxes and a broken state budget, he said, companies seeking new locations for their headquarters today will likely look elsewhere.

A Boeing spokesman said the company did not see a significant impact on its operations from the increase. In a Tuesday opinion piece in the Chicago Tribune, Doug Oberhelman, CEO of Caterpillar Inc, disagreed.

"It's no secret that when making investments, businesses have to consider the costs," Oberhelman wrote. "And states with lower-cost environments provide an opportunity for business and their employers to succeed. That's not the type of environment we are creating in Illinois with these tax proposals." □

911 tapes log harrowing chronicle of Tucson shootings



TUCSON, Ariz. – A calm male voice surrounded by haunting cries of pain tells a 911 dispatcher of multiple shooting victims outside a Tucson supermarket and of wounds to Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords.

“There was a shooting at Safeway at Ina and Oracle where Gabrielle Giffords was, I do believe Gaby Giffords was hit,” the male voice says, with almost animal cries and groans of pain in the background.

“At the Safeway sir? Was somebody shot there sir?”

“It looks like a guy had a semi-automatic pistol, and he went in, he just started firing and then he ran,” said the unidentified male voice, adding that the Congresswoman was “hit.”

“She’s hit, she’s breathing, she still got a pulse we got

one dead there’s multiple shot.”

Responder: “Oh my God.”

The young male caller was the first to report the shooting outside the Safeway in north Tucson last Saturday that left Giffords gravely wounded and six dead, including a federal judge and a nine-year-old girl. The emergency calls, partially redacted, were released by the Pima County Sheriff’s Office on Wednesday, and tell a raw, harrowing chronicle of the bloody events as reported by the witnesses at the scene.

Giffords was shot once through the back of the head at a meeting with constituents outside the store in northwest Tucson last Saturday morning. Jared Lee Loughner, a 22-year-old college dropout made his first court appearance on Monday on five federal charges, including the attempted assassination of Giffords.

In the midst of the carnage, the caller pauses and gently asks someone other than the 911 operator: “Are you okay sir? we’ve got help coming.” Several subsequent calls logged by the dispatcher also noted shots fired at the location, variously a “bunch of people shot,” others calling in descriptions of a man in a “hoodie,” who left the scene running but was subdued. One caller was hiding behind a drug store for safety.

Others are frantic for their loved ones. An extremely

agitated woman tells the dispatcher her husband called and told her he had been shot at Giffords event.

‘HE CALLED, AND THE PHONE WENT DEAD’

“I don’t know where do you know where it is? I don’t know where the site is? He just called and then the phone went dead. Where will they take him? Can you call me right away to let me know where he’s going?”

The unfolding saga of mayhem continues from several callers, painting a brutal picture of a blood bath uncommon in the quiet city of Tucson.

A woman says: “We need more than one ambulance, we have more than one person down I guy came to the Safeway and started shooting.”

“Mam, we do have the help on the way, how many people are injured?” the dispatcher asks.

“We have a total of ten people, maybe more oh my God.”

Another told of panic.

“We hear the gunshots ... there were people running all over the scene...”

A woman caller asks if the dispatcher is sending police.

“We are sending (police) deputies.” “Are you sending a lot of ambulances too?”

Shortly after, an unidentified male voice calls in with reports of an injured woman, although it appears she is beyond help.

I guess she doesn’t need medical attention now she’s just and the voice trails off. □



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The Dutch Caribbean Is Not a Legal Entity

By Karel Frielink
Spigthoff Curacao

The Netherlands Antilles no longer exists! The Country previously known as the Netherlands Antilles consisted of Bonaire, Curacao, St. Maarten, St. Eustatius and Saba, and formed part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. On October 10, 2010 the Netherlands Antilles ceased to exist as a country. Two new countries were born on that date: the country Curacao and the country St. Maarten. The three remaining islands (Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, a.k.a. the BES-islands) became special overseas territories (sort of municipalities) of the Netherlands. These facts seem not well known among non-Dutch people. Currently, the Kingdom of the Netherlands is composed of four parts: (1) the Kingdom in Europe (popularly known as Holland, north of Belgium and west of Germany) together with the BES-islands; (2) Aruba, (3) Curacao and (4) St. Maarten.

Geographical location:

- Caribbean Sea (North of Venezuela): Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao

- Caribbean Sea (East of Puerto Rico): Saba, St. Maarten and St. Eustatius

Curacao and St. Maarten are autonomous parts of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The island of Aruba gained similar autonomy in 1986. Each island has its own government and legislature. These three islands together with the BES-islands have a common Court of Appeal as well as the Supreme Court in The Hague. □

Kingdom Minister Donner visits Aruba



ORANJESTAD – The Prime Minister of Aruba Mike Eman received the Dutch Minister for Home Affairs and Kingdom Relation Minister Piet Hein Donner on Monday here on Aruba. Prior to his arrival, he visited St. Martin. On Saturday January 8th 2011 upon invitation by the Chief of Police Chief Commissioner Peter de Witte, a visit was paid by the Dutch Minister for Home Affairs and Kingdom Relation Minister Piet Hein Donner to the Police headquarters in Philipsburg. Minister Donner is on a working visit to the six Dutch territories. At the police headquarter Minister Donner and his delegation was met by Chief commissioner de Witte

and members of the police management team.

In the conference room at the police headquarters an extensive presentation was given by Chief commissioner de Witte in regard to the present situation within the police department, such as the lack of manpower, lack of equipment, training for personnel, leadership and the increase in crime and criminal activities on the island. A planned approach to combat the present situation was also presented to Minister Donner and a request for 20 police officers from the Netherlands to come to assist the local police department for a three year period was made. The addition of these 20 officers

will definitely ease the pressure under which the police department functions and help to create improve the sense of safety in the community.

This three year period will allow the police department, according to improvement plan, to recruit and train its own police officers. At the end of that period which will be in 2014, the local police department will be self sustainable.

After the presentation Minister Donner was given tour of several neighborhoods giving him a personal view of the areas where regularly, under difficult conditions and situations the police department has to function. The first stop was at the recently finalized housing

complex at the Hope Estate. There the minister was received by the president of that housing project Mr. Henry LYNCH who provided a tour of the complex for the minister.

A tour through Sucker garden, Dutch quarter area and surrounding, including the Emergency houses in Union farm was also given and an explanation of the concerns of the recent increase in crime and criminal activities in these areas. Finally, there was a visit to the Belvedere Community Center where the Minister DONNER was met by the founder and managing director of that community center Jessica Richardson. A complete tour of the facilities and an explanation of the daily operation of that organization that was given. Minister Donner was very impressed by what he saw and commended Jessica Richardson for the tremendous work and dedication she put into this organization and wished her much strength and success in the future.

And the end, Minister Donner thanked Chief Commissioner Peter the Witte and the management team for the very informative presentation and extensive neighborhood tour. He also stated that the request for police assistance from the Netherlands definitely will be a priority that will be discussed. □



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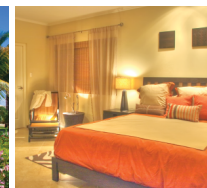


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U.S. Consulate General donates books to St. Maarten Public Library



The U.S. Consulate General in Curacao donated an assortment of English language books, new and used, to the Philipsburg Jubilee Library January 6, 2011.

The multi-interest books are an important addition to the library's current English language book collection. The books are intended for all ages, but many are of special interest to young people. Among the gifts

are books related to sports, nature, U.S. government and subjects from Black History Month in the U.S. The United States Consulate General hopes this collection will contribute to a better understanding of the U.S. and its diverse culture.

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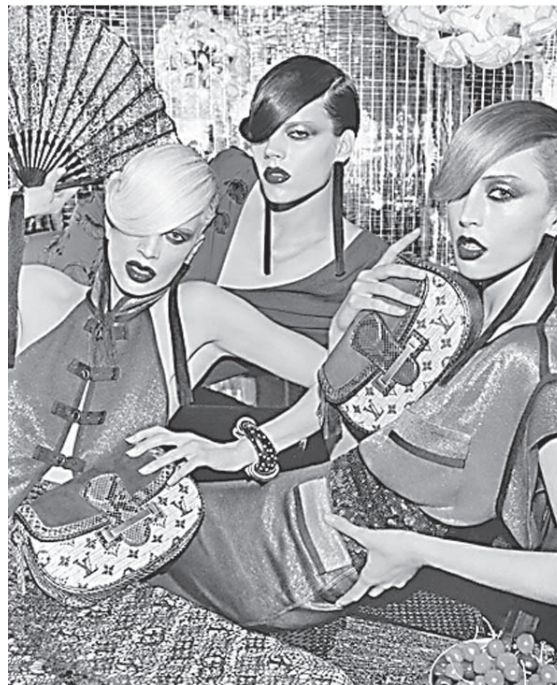
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Louis Vuitton heads into Spring/Summer 2011



ORANJESTAD - "We started from the very beginning this season talking about glamour and something very stylized, very glossy," says Louis Vuitton Artistic Director Marc Jacobs of the process that led to the Spring/Summer 2011 advertising campaign, shot once again by Steven Meisel. "We arrived at something which I would compare to the Eiffel Tower lighting up every hour on the hour - something of artifice that is just so gorgeous, and glamorous, and beautiful, that you are completely mesmerized by it."

Shot in a New York studio, the new campaign captures the decadent glamour of the Spring/Summer 2011

fashion show, and stars two of the models who walked in it - Freja Beha Erichsen and Kristen McMenamy, whose body was famously painted with zebra stripes for the finale - alongside a flamehaired Raquel Zimmermann. The dazzling colors and shimmering textures of the clothes, the glossy hair and makeup, and the sparkling Seventies influenced décor combine to create a spectacular set of images, with the models striking louche poses in colorlocked lurex, silk cheongsams and lush iris prints.

The mood, reflecting the deliberate artificiality of Marc Jacobs' Orientinspired

vision, is vastly different from that of the previous season - indeed these three "bad girls", with their long tasseled earrings, Monogram lace fans and twotone leather or pythontrimmed jacquard bags, seem to deliver a riposte to the three "good girls" of the demure Fall/Winter 2010 campaign. Pietro Beccari, Executive vice president of Louis Vuitton, comments: "Once again, Marc Jacobs and Steven Meisel have created a remarkable campaign. What is extraordinary about these new visuals is their vivid rendering of the gloss, glitter and glamour of the fashion show. Its visual impact will be second to none this season." □



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Claim Your Power 2

Claiming your power is a personal, internal act that does not take place in the physical realm. We claim our power by shifting our outlook on life. Once we approach our lives with a different fundamental energy, the physical world will shift to reflect your new viewpoint. The attitude shifts first, then the world shifts to reflect the way we see it. We change the world by changing our attitude toward it.

Our attitude toward the world defines who we are, so as we change our outlook on life, we change our selves. We claim our personal power by defining ourselves, and we define ourselves through our approach to life.

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One Year Later, Why Isn't Haiti Recovering?



WASHINGTON, DC – On January 12, 2010, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck near Port-au-Prince, devastating much of Haiti's already frail infrastructure, economy, and health services. The year since has been at times grim and difficult for Haiti which, despite a massive outpouring of aid from around the world, has struggled to recover. Most recently, a cholera epidemic has claimed hundreds of lives, as living conditions and water sanitation remain poor. Looking back over Haiti's hard year, here's what observers are saying about the country's climb out from the January 2010 earthquake. Little Progress In Past Year The Economist reports:

When visiting journalists parachute in to Port-au-Prince for the anniversary of the earthquake, they will see few signs of progress and many of stasis. This landscape of neglect and degradation mocks the widespread hope in the weeks after the quake that Haiti could 'build back better,' as Bill Clinton, the United Nations special envoy to the country, put it. The government's promising reconstruction plan, unveiled at a donor conference in March, envisioned moving

many people outside the swollen capital and injecting economic life into rural areas, as well as rebuilding Port-au-Prince. Little of this has happened. The Rubble Problem "Most donors," Oxfam laments, "provided funds for transitional housing but very little money for clearing rubble or repairing houses. One year on, only five percent of the rubble has been cleared and only 15 percent of the required basic and temporary houses have been built. House building on a large scale cannot be started before the enormous amount of rubble is cleared. The government and donors must prioritize this most basic step toward helping people return home."

Bureaucracy Slowing Recovery Efforts "Dithering by the government and a lack of co-ordination between aid agencies and donors," Rory Carroll writes in The Hindu, "have crippled rebuilding efforts in Haiti. Nearly one million people remain in tents or under tarpaulins and rubble still clogs the capital, Port-au-Prince, reflecting a 'year of indecision' that has put recovery on hold."

Tent Cities Declining, if Slowly UN Dispatch's Mark Leon Goldberg

writes, "for the first time in a year, the number of people living in spontaneous settlements those tent cities housing Haitians made suddenly homeless by the earthquake has fallen below 1 million people." He cites an International Organization for Migration report that says, "810,000 people are still living in informal sites in Port-au-Prince and provinces. This is nearly half the figure last July of an estimated 1.5 million internally displaced Haitians." The Digicel Success Story Foreign Policy's Amy Bracken tells the story of how an Irish cell phone company became one of "the most competent actors amid the reconstruction's larger disarray." In short, "Digicel created its own infrastructure. Instead of waiting for the government, the company built roads to many of its sites and kept its reception towers going with hundreds of generators. Annual diesel costs alone are in the millions. All in all, Digicel has poured more than \$400 million in Haiti more than any other international company ever." That infrastructure has helped Digicel turn a profit and built up Haiti. □

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Hezbollah and its allies topple Lebanon government

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BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon's government collapsed Wednesday after Hezbollah and its allies resigned from the Cabinet in a dispute with Western-backed factions over upcoming indictments in the 2005 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. A U.N.-backed tribunal investigating the truck bombing that killed Hariri and 22 others is widely expected to name members of the Shiite militant group, which many fear could re-ignite sectarian violence that has erupted repeatedly in the tiny nation. Hezbollah's walkout ushers in the country's worst political crisis since 2008 in one of the most volatile corners of the Middle East.

Lebanon's 14-month-old government was an uneasy coalition linking bitter rivals: a Western-backed bloc led by Hariri's son Saad and Hezbollah, which is supported by Syria and Iran and maintains an arsenal that far outweighs that of the national army. Disputes over the tribunal have paralyzed the government for months, with Hezbollah denouncing the court as a conspiracy by the U.S. and Israel and urging the prime minister to reject any of its findings. But Hariri has refused to break cooperation with the Netherlands-based

tribunal.

Now, the chasm between the two sides is deepening with Hezbollah accusing Hariri's bloc of bowing to the West. Hezbollah's ministers timed their resignations to coincide with Hariri's meeting with President Barack Obama in Washington, forcing him to meet the American president as a caretaker prime minister. Western governments have worked to strengthen the central government since Israel and Hezbollah fought a devastating 34-day war in 2006, but they also have expressed concern about the balance of power with the heavily armed militant group. The U.S. classifies Hezbollah as a terrorist organization.

A White House statement said Obama commended Hariri for his "steadfast leadership and efforts to reach peace, stability and consensus in Lebanon under difficult circumstances."

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Hezbollah's actions are "a transparent effort ... to subvert justice and to undermine Lebanon's sovereignty and independence."

"No country should be forced to choose between justice and stability," Clinton said while traveling in Doha, Qatar. "The Lebanese people deserve both."

Hariri's office had no immediate comment on the

walkout that brought down his government, but they said he was heading to France to meet French President Sarkozy before heading back to Beirut. France, Lebanon's former colonial power, is a major player in Lebanese politics.

The immediate trigger for the Hezbollah withdrawal was the failure of talks between Syria and Saudi Arabia, a Hariri ally, to try to find a compromise over the tribunal. There had been few details about the direction of the Syrian-Saudi initiative, but the talks were lauded as a potential Arab breakthrough, rather than a solution offered by Western powers.

"This Cabinet has become a burden on the Lebanese, unable to do its work," Jibril Bassil, who is resigning his post as energy minister, said at a news conference, flanked by the other Hezbollah-allied



A statue of slain former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri stands near the seafront road where he was assassinated in a suicide bombing in 2005, in Beirut, Lebanon, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011.

Associated Press

ministers who are stepping down. "We are giving a chance for another government to take over."

Bassil said the ministers decided to resign after Hariri "succumbed to foreign and American pressures" and turned his back on the Syrian-Saudi efforts.

Calls to the tribunal seeking comment Wednesday were not immediately returned.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon "is monitoring closely developments in Lebanon, where the situation is fast evolving," U.N. spokesman Martin Nesirky said. □



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Torrential rain, mudslides in Brazil kill 257



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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Summer rains sent tons of red mud and torrents of water rushing down mountainsides in towns outside Rio, enveloping homes of rich and poor alike and killing at least 257 people in 24 hours. Some survivors clung to trees to escape the water and landslides.

Rescuers used heavy machinery, shovels and bare hands to dig through debris in a search for survivors Wednesday. It was not immediately clear how many people were rescued. At least 50 remained missing, and officials feared that figure would rise.

In Teresopolis, a town 40 miles north of Rio, the rain overflowed creeks and flash floods swept over already water-logged mountainsides. Brick and wooden shacks built on hillsides stripped of trees, washed away in surging earth and water, leaving behind only a long trail of rusty red mud. Heavy rains and mudslides kill hundreds of people across Brazil each year. Especially punished are the poor, whose rickety homes are often built on steep inclines with little in the way of foundations.

At least 130 people died in Teresopolis, the local Civil Defense agency said. The mountains saw 10 inches of rain fall in less than 24 hours. Floodwaters continued to

gush down the mountains Wednesday, though the rainstorm had ended. Survivors waded through waist-high water, carrying what belongings they could, trying to reach higher ground. Many tried desperately to find relatives, though phone service was out in the region and many people were still missing hours after the rain stopped.

“There are so many disappeared — and so many that will probably never be found,” said Angela Marina de Carvalho Silva, who believes she may have lost 15 relatives to the flood, including five nieces and nephews. “There was nothing we could do.

It was hell,” she said in a telephone interview.

Carvalho Silva took refuge in a neighbor’s house on high ground with her husband and daughter, and watched the torrential rain carry away cars, tree branches and animals and tear apart the homes of friends and family.

“It’s over. There’s nothing. The water came down and swept everything away,” said her husband, Sidney Silva.

In the neighboring mountain town of Nova Friburgo, at least

107 people died, according to an e-mailed statement from the Rio state Civil Defense department. Among the dead were four firefighters who were helping in the rescue effort. Three other firefighters were listed as missing after their fire truck was hit by a mudslide.

With the new disasters, more than 300 people have died since Christmas across the southeastern portion Brazil. President Dilma Rousseff signed a measure Wednesday sending \$461 million to towns in Rio and Sao Paulo states that were damaged during the recent rains. The money will go to repairing infrastructure and preventing future disasters.

The president planned to fly over the most severely damaged parts of Rio on Thursday.

The mayor of Teresopolis, Jorge Mario Sedlacek, decreed a state of emergency, calling the calamity “the worst to hit the town.” About 800 search-and-rescue workers from the state’s civil defense department and firefighters dug for survivors.

In neighboring Petropolis, 20 people were confirmed dead by the Rio state Civil Defense

department.

The death toll in the region was expected to rise as firefighters reach remote valleys and steep mountainsides where neighborhoods were destroyed, Teresopolis’s mayor said. About 1,000 there were left homeless.

“This is the largest catastrophe in the history of this town,” Sedlacek said in an interview with Globo TV.

Heavy rainfall also caused havoc earlier in Minas Gerais state north of Rio, where 16 people died in the past month and dozens of communities are in a state of emergency.

In Sao Paulo, flooding paralyzed main thoroughfares in the capital city since Sunday and 21 people died in collapsed homes, mudslides and flooding throughout the state.

Rio state Gov. Sergio Cabral called on the navy to lend helicopters to firefighters working as rescuers.

“We mourn the loss of lives in this tragedy caused by the rain,” Cabral said in a statement.

The storm ended Wednesday morning, but the water-logged terrain remained unstable and a threat to communities perched on the sheer hillsides. □

Riots reach Tunisia’s capital, curfew imposed

BOUAZZA BEN BOUAZZA

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TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Tear gas and stone-throwing youths have reached the heart of Tunisia’s once-calm capital as rioters desperate for jobs defied their autocratic president in escalating unrest that poses his biggest challenge in 23 years in power. The army deployed armored vehicles around Tunis on Wednesday, and the government imposed a virtually unprecedented curfew to try to quell protests over unemployment and political repression that began more than three weeks ago in a central Tunisian town. Outside the capital, at least two deaths were reported from police fire Wednesday.

The demonstrations have set off clashes with police as they spread around the country,

leaving at least 23 dead and shattering Tunisia’s image as an island of calm in a region beset by Islamist extremism. The rioting stayed outside the capital until Wednesday, when the interior minister was fired and clashes broke out hours later, intensifying an unprecedented sense of uncertainty about the future of Tunisia’s government. European countries issued warnings about the increased dangers of travel to the country.

President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, 74, has maintained an iron grip on Tunisia since grabbing power 23 years ago in a bloodless coup, repressing any challenge to a government many see as corrupt and intolerant.

The image of stability and religious moderation helps draw millions of mostly

European visitors a year to the Mediterranean beaches of this small North African nation, making tourism the mainstay of the economy. But Ben Ali’s tight control has also created the simmering sense of anger and resentment that erupted in the capital and outside it.

A witness in the central city of Douz said there were two deaths at a protest there Wednesday. Slah Nebti, a 32-year-old French teacher, said he saw “police fire and everyone flee. I saw a man who fell, and everyone surrounded him, so I filmed him.”

The video, posted on Facebook, showed the victim lying face-down in a pool of blood. Nebti said he didn’t know the victim personally, yet learned his identity when he went with other teachers to meet the man’s family. He identified the victim as a



In this frame grab image taken from amateur video and acquired by APTN protesters are seen amid a burning vehicle in Douz, Tunisia, Wednesday Jan. 12, 2011.

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computer science professor who had spent time in France. After Nebti posted the video online, some of the victim’s students contacted him.

“They sent me messages to say he was a good teacher and a good man,” Nebti said by telephone. In Tunis, hundreds

of protesters emerged from a souk, or market, in the capital and hurled stones at police at a key intersection. Officers responded with volleys of tear gas, driving the protesters to disperse into adjoining streets. Stores in the area were shuttered. □

Russia blames Polish crew in Kaczynski air crash

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian officials investigating the plane crash that killed Polish President Lech Kaczynski have placed the blame squarely on the Poles, saying the crew was pressured to land in bad weather by an air force commander who had been drinking. Kaczynski and 95 others, including his wife, died in April 2010 when their Tu-154 plane crashed while trying to land in Smolensk, Russia. There were no survivors.

In Poland, the report met with accusations that it is unbalanced and failed to acknowledge any possible Russian mistakes. The issue of responsibility has a strong emotional component in Poland, where suspicions of Russia remain strong due to Moscow's domination of Poland in communist times. Polish Interior Minister Jerzy Miller, who is heading a separate Polish investigation,

did not contest the findings, but underlined on Wednesday that he believes both Polish and Russian aviation officials were "unprepared" for ensuring a safe landing.

The pilots' decision to land in heavy fog at an airport with only basic navigation equipment has been accepted by both as the main reason for the crash. However, Poles have been eagerly awaiting the Russian report in order to learn if other factors — such as possible mistakes by Russian air traffic controllers or technical conditions at the airport — might also have played a role. Jaroslaw Kaczynski, the late president's twin brother and head of the opposition Law and Justice party, sharply criticized the Russian report, calling it a "mockery of Poland." He said it failed to offer convincing evidence the Poles are solely responsible, saying the main findings were based on speculation. In Moscow,

officials of the Interstate Aviation Committee, which investigates crashes in much of the former Soviet Union, said the pilots were pressured to land by Poland's air force commander, Gen. Andrzej Blasik, who was in the cockpit. His very presence was a violation of so-called "sterile cockpit" safety rules and he had a blood-alcohol level of about 0.06 percent, the Russian investigators said. That level is enough to impair reasoning. Blasik's presence in the cockpit "had a psychological influence on the commander's decision to take an unjustified risk by continuing the descent with the overwhelming goal of landing by all means necessary," committee chairwoman Tatiana Anodina told a news conference announcing the final results of the investigation. Kaczynski slammed that conclusion, saying that a suggestion of pressure on the pilots is

an example of speculation based only on what "some psychologists are saying" with no confirmation from the flight recorders.

He also said he was not fully convinced that Blasik had been drinking but that in any case there is no proof that a "small amount of alcohol" would have contributed to the plane crash.

"This report is a mockery of Poland," Kaczynski said.

The blood-alcohol content found in Blasik was lower than what is generally considered outright intoxication. But the professional pilots and physicians group www.flightphysical.com says "the number of serious errors committed by pilots dramatically increases at or above concentrations of 0.04 percent," a level lower than Blasik's. The report found no fault with Russian air traffic controllers, who "gave no permission to land," said Alexei Morozov, the head



Tatyana Anodina, head of the Interstate Aviation Committee, speaks in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011.

Associated Press

of the committee's technical commission. "They gave permission to descend to 100 meters," he said. "The crew should have started a second attempt, but instead continued their unauthorized descent." Morozov added that a glitch in one of the plane's gauges prompted the crew to think the plane was more than 100 meters above the ground. □

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Haiti mourn quake dead, find hope in own strength

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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The air was choked with memory Wednesday in this city where everyone lost a brother, a child, a cousin or a friend. One year after the earthquake, Haitians marched down empty, rubble-lined streets singing hymns and climbed broken buildings to hang wreaths of flowers.

The landscape is much as the quake left it, thanks to a reconstruction effort that has yet to begin addressing the intense need. But the voices were filled with hope for having survived a year that seemed to get worse at every turn.

“We’ve had an earthquake, hurricane, cholera, but we are still here, and we are still together,” said Charlemagne Sintia, 19, who joined other mourners at a soccer stadium that served as an open-air morgue after the quake and later housed a tent camp.

Thousands gathered around the city to be with loved ones and pray. They flocked to the ruins of the once-towering national cathedral, to the soccer stadium, to parks, hillsides and the neighborhood centers.

Businesses were closed. Instead of traffic, streets were filled with people dressed in white, the color of prayer and mourning. They waved their hands, cheered and called out to God as they wound down roads beset by ruins. Astride the unrepaired buildings are camps where an estimated 1 million people still live, unable to afford new homes. “God blessed me by taking only one of my cousins that day. Our house collapsed but we have health and life,” said Terez Benitot, a 56-year-old woman whose husband, a mason, can not find work amid a reconstruction all are waiting to begin.

The magnitude 7.0 earthquake ripped the ground open at 4:53 p.m. Jan. 12, 2010. The government raised its death toll estimate Wednesday to more than 316,000, but it did not explain how it arrived at that number.

The earthquake exploded in a previously undiscovered



A woman prays in the rubble of the national cemetery in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Wednesday Jan. 12, 2011. Wednesday marks the one year anniversary since Haiti's magnitude-7.0 earthquake that devastated the capital and is estimated to have killed more than 230,000 people and left millions homeless.

fault, just 8.1 miles below the surface and 15 miles west of Port-au-Prince, the capital and home to a third of the country's population.

Residents first heard a distant rumbling that reminded many of a passing truck. Then it blasted through everything like an atomic detonation, shattering walls, leveling hillside after hillside of fragile concrete homes and bringing many of Haiti's largest and most important buildings to the ground.

When it was over, a cloud of dust hung over the city, making it impossible to breathe. Those inside the destroyed cities and the even harder-hit towns to the west were trapped — if not literally under the rubble then in a bleeding, screaming island region cut off from the world as the sun quickly dipped below the horizon.

The United Nations lost 102 staffers in the disaster — the largest single loss of life in its history. At U.N. headquarters in New York on Wednesday, U.N. staff observed solemn silence for 47 seconds — the duration of the quake. “Every day I see the faces of our fallen colleagues. I hear their

voices,” Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said.

At the same time, the Haitian government had scheduled a nationwide minute of silence, but with few people to organize it went ignored in many areas.

A year after the quake, workers are still finding bodies in the rubble. About a million people remain homeless. Neighborhood-sized camps look like permanent shantytowns on the fields and plazas of the capital. A cholera epidemic that erupted outside the quake zone has killed more than 3,600 people, and an electoral crisis between President Rene Preval's ruling party and its rivals threatens to break an increasingly fragile political stability.

Less than 5 percent of the debris has been cleared. What's left would be enough to fill dump trucks parked bumper to bumper halfway around the world.

It took until Wednesday for Haiti's government to lay the cornerstone for a new National Tax Office. The earthquake shattered the old building, where many workers were killed in one of the blows

to the public sector that helped paralyze the government following the earthquake.

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton attended the cornerstone-laying ceremony with Preval. Later Clinton joined Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive to update reporters on a reconstruction process they jointly oversee through the Interim Haiti Reconstruction Commission — a process many Haitians and observers think has failed. More than \$5.6 billion was pledged at a March 31 donors conference for a period of 18 months, but some \$3.2 billion in public funding is still owed, according to Clinton's U.N. Office of the Special Envoy to Haiti.

The U.N. Security Council on Wednesday called for the “swift disbursement of remaining pledges in support of Haiti's recovery.”

Clinton and Bellerive said progress has been made — that half a million people have moved out of the camps that remain home to about 1 million. The aid group Oxfam disputes that figure, saying it's based on imprecise headcounts.

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The former president said that the conditions for investment were improving and that the pace of reconstruction would soon accelerate.

“I don't blame people for being mad and frustrated. If I were still living in a camp like that after a year I would go crazy, I think,” Clinton said. “We are making progress and I understand why people don't feel it.”

Bellerive added, “We know that it is difficult for the population, but they understand that there has to be a coherent solution for their situation to improve.”

Among the key questions surrounding the commission is how long Bellerive will remain prime minister.

The constitution says Preval should leave office Feb. 7, though he will not have formally completed his full five-year term until May and he argues that he can remain in office until then.

An ongoing electoral crisis in which three candidates believe they should be in a runoff has delayed the second round. Bellerive admitted he does not know when he will leave office. □

"Hells Bells": Hoffman retires after 601 saves

Former baseball pitcher Trevor Hoffman pauses speaking to journalists after announcing his retirement at Petco Park Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, in San Diego. Baseball's all-time saves leader announced his retirement at age 43 after 18 seasons in the major leagues.

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IndyCars' greatest names team up on military tour

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) —

Mario Andretti, Larry Foyt and Al Unser Jr. headline a list of former IndyCar drivers making a goodwill tour of overseas military installations over the next 10 days as part of the Indianapolis 500 Centennial Tour.

It is the first time an Andretti, a Foyt and an Unser have worn the same team colors and shirts.

"There is a camaraderie about it," Andretti said Wednesday, hours before boarding a KC-135 cargo plane bound for New Jersey. "We've fought a lot of battles together, but we're united about this and it's really nice."

No, it wasn't exactly what organizers envisioned — bringing longtime rivals Mario Andretti and A.J. Foyt together as part of a legends tour.

But it is the next best thing.

Larry Foyt said his father declined the invitation because racing injuries would make the long flight too difficult to cope with. Instead, the four-time Indy winner made a short video that will be shown to the troops, and his son quickly jumped at the chance to fill in for dad.

In the Foyt household, though, that return ticket comes with an unspoken stipulation.

"I said 'If we go karting, I had better beat Mario or A.J. won't let me come home,'" Larry Foyt joked.

The headliners, of course, are Andretti, the 1969 Indy winner and 1978 world champ; Unser Jr., the two-time Indy winner; three-time Indy winner Johnny Rutherford; and Foyt, who now works with his father's racing operation. □

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Lakers crush Cavs by 55

Cleveland Cavaliers walk off the court during a time out in the second half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011. The Lakers won 112-57.

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Panthers hire Chargers' Rivera as head coach

MIKE CRANSTON

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) — The Carolina Panthers have entrusted Ron Rivera with turning around the NFL's worst team, introducing the San Diego defensive coordinator as head coach Tuesday.

Rivera replaces John Fox, who was let go earlier this month after Carolina went 2-14 in his ninth season. It's the first head coaching job for the 49-year-old Rivera, who ran the Chargers' defense since midway through the 2008 season, with San Diego ranking top in the NFL in total defense and pass defense this season. The ex-Bears linebacker also was defensive coordinator in Chicago from 2004-06. "It gives me comfort that he was a former player," said owner Jerry Richardson, a former Baltimore Colts receiver. "He brings an approach and resume that we believe lends itself to success for our football team and organization." Rivera was one of four defensive coordinators to be interviewed by Panthers general manager Marty Hurney and team president Danny Morrison last week. The others — Perry Fewell of the New



Carolina Panthers new head coach Ron Rivera answers a question during a news conference in Charlotte, N.C., Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011.

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York Giants, San Francisco's Greg Manusky and Rob Ryan of Cleveland — were not asked in for second interviews. □

'Business as usual' for underclassmen in NFL draft

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Pro Football Writer

As college football underclassmen from Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck — staying in school — to LSU cornerback Patrick Peterson — leaving for the pros — weigh whether to head to the NFL, it's clear they're aware of the league's impending labor unrest.

Still, that does not appear to be influencing many decisions ahead of Saturday's deadline to declare for the draft.

"I don't think the looming potential of the lockout is affecting decisions," agent Peter Schaffer said in a telephone interview. "I really don't believe the uncertainty of the labor situation is skewing decisions one way or another in any significant proportion. It's pretty much been business as usual."

Indeed, the NFL expects the number of underclassmen eligible for the draft to fall within the range established over the past decade. An average of 46 players was granted what the NFL calls "special eligibility" each draft since 2001, with a low of 35 that year and a high of 53 in both 2008 and 2010.

While Saturday is the last day an underclassman can put his name up for the draft, he then has 72 hours to change his mind. The NFL will announce the early entry candidates next Wednesday.

The current NFL labor deal expires in early March, and the players' union is convinced the owners are



Auburn's Cam Newton reacts after a touchdown during the first half of the BCS National Championship NCAA college football game against Oregon on Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, in Glendale, Ariz.

planning to lock them out. Even if that happens, April's draft will go on as scheduled, although rookies wouldn't be able to sign contracts until a new collective bargaining agreement is in place.

Among the factors underclassmen might consider:

— It's possible there won't be a 2011 NFL season at all, so players leaving college could wind up sitting out an entire year.

— Even if an agreement is reached in time for next season to be played, the timing of a deal might result in shortened training camps or no minicamps, so "your development might be stunted a little versus years past,"

Schaffer said. A rookie would have less time to learn his new team's system and prove he deserves to start — or, in some cases, even make the roster.

— Owners are intent on having a rookie wage scale be part of a new CBA. Commissioner Roger Goodell wrote about "the outrageous sums paid to many unproven rookies" in a recent letter sent to fans about the labor situation, and such a change could apply to the 2011 draft class.

— Entering the pros sooner starts a player's NFL "clock" sooner, moving him closer to his second contract and free agency, which could be particularly attractive if a rookie wage scale is created.

"The labor situation in the

NFL right now is something each one of these guys had to evaluate as a reality of how it could affect their development,"

Alabama coach Nick Saban said last week, when Heisman Trophy winner Mark Ingram and two other juniors opted to enter the draft. "I think every guy did that."

From what players making their announcements have said, it sounds as though plenty of more traditional factors are playing roles: how high they expect to be drafted; what the expectations are for their college teams next season; whether an injury in college could set them back; whether they think there is room to rise in the draft with another good

college season, etc.

Two Oklahoma State players who announced Wednesday that they'll return to college, All-America receiver Justin Blackmon and quarterback Brandon Weeden, both said the NFL's labor status didn't affect their decisions.

Luck's father, West Virginia athletic director and former NFL quarterback Oliver Luck, said he discussed the implications of a potential lockout with Andrew. But Oliver Luck said that didn't affect his son's choice to remain at Stanford, which was more about continuing to play with his Cardinal teammates and graduating from school.

"I went through the '82 strike as a player and retired before the '87 season, when there was another strike," Oliver Luck said. "As a lawyer, I shared information with him about the labor situation. In the end, that did not matter as much as those two other factors."

That's how he made his decision."

While NFL spokesman Greg Aiello acknowledged that the labor "uncertainty is affecting a lot of things," he said he isn't aware of anyone suggesting or requesting that the league change the deadline or procedures for underclassmen who want to make themselves eligible for the draft.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the two biggest stars for national champion Auburn — Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Cam Newton and defensive tackle Nick Fairley, both juniors — hadn't publicly announced their plans. Other top underclassmen who hadn't made announcements: Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore, Nebraska defensive tackle Jared Crick, and Baylor quarterback Robert Griffin.

Then there's the case of Georgia receiver A.J. Green, a college junior who is widely considered a top-10 pick. He said he didn't worry about the NFL's labor unrest and the possibility of a rookie salary cap when figuring out whether to opt for the draft.

"If I had really thought about that," Green said, "I probably would've stayed in school." □

Les Miles has a new 7-year contract at LSU

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

BATON ROUGE, La. — Les Miles made it clear, in his own particular way, that he is living in the present.

His nostalgia for Michigan, where he played, and his enduring pride in his alma mater could not outweigh the relationships he's built in the past six seasons at LSU, where he's won 62 games and five bowls, including the 2007 national title.

"I'm one of those guys that believe where you are at is where you live your life," Miles said Wednesday shortly after LSU announced that the Tigers' coach had agreed to a new contract that would

keep him living down on the bayou for the next seven seasons.

The announcement of Miles' new deal came two days after Michigan Athletic Director Dave Brandon flew to Baton Rouge to meet with Miles about the Wolverines' coaching vacancy that has since been filled by Brady Hoke.

Miles' annual salary will remain the same at a little more than \$3.75 million. However, his new deal gives him three additional years and more opportunities win bonuses based on postseason success. LSU Athletic Director Joe Alleva said the contract will lend stability to a program that has already piled up an average of more than 10 victories a year since Miles

arrived. Miles said that stability would only make him a better recruiter and allow him to weather intermittent down years caused by injuries or unexpected departures of key players on account of personal or academic factors.

It also should make it easier for Miles to ignore his vocal critics. Miles has been lambasted on sports call-in shows in Louisiana and even booed in Tiger Stadium when the Tigers have struggled, as they did in a memorable narrow victory over Tennessee this past season. The Tigers initially appeared to lose that game on a botched play in the final seconds, only to be rescued by a Tennessee penalty. □

Hoffman retires after 601 saves in 18 seasons

By BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Trevor Hoffman used to arrive for work late at night, with heavy metal music blaring from the speakers.

Batters knew what was coming and usually failed miserably as Hoffman almost always got the toughest outs in a baseball game — the final three.

Hoffman, baseball's all-time saves leader, was back at Petco Park on Wednesday, this time in the morning sunshine to announce his retirement at age 43 after 18 seasons in the major leagues. He's taking a front-office job with the San Diego Padres, the team with which he became a star.

Wearing a suit and tie and standing at a podium at home plate, Hoffman said he spent part of Tuesday night figuring out what he'd say.

"Really, the one word that kept recurring was how thankful I was to be a part of major league baseball, how thankful I was to be able to put a uniform on and be a kid until I was 43, to be a part of the baseball family," he said. Hoffman had 601 saves in 667 opportunities, including 552 in 618 chances in 15 1/2 seasons with the Padres. A seven-time All-Star and the Cy Young Award runner-up in 1998 and 2006, he also pitched for the Florida Marlins and Milwaukee Brewers.

Hoffman's home save opportunities were always

lively because AC/DC's "Hells Bells" began blaring from the sound system the instant he started jogging in from the bullpen.

Known for his high leg kick, menacing glare and deceptive changeup, Hoffman became the career saves leader when he notched No. 479 at home on Sept. 24, 2006, breaking the previous mark of 478 by Lee Smith. The following June, Hoffman reached 500, also at home and against the rival Los Angeles Dodgers.

Manager Bud Black said Hoffman "was a pillar among Padres, and I think there are only certain guys you can say that about."

Part of that dependability came from Hoffman's preparation, which began several hours before game time with a workout in the outfield.

"It's kind of ironic we're having this get-together in an empty ballpark because it was so apparent throughout my career that this is really where I did a lot of my work, where I found a lot of private time and a lot of opportunity to think and prepare for that moment that I would have an opportunity to step onto the field and compete inside those white lines," Hoffman said.

His Padres career ended abruptly after the 2008 season when contract talks fell apart, and he spent the last two seasons with Milwaukee.

After a difficult 2010 season with the Brewers, Hoffman

said he wanted to take some time to decide on his future.

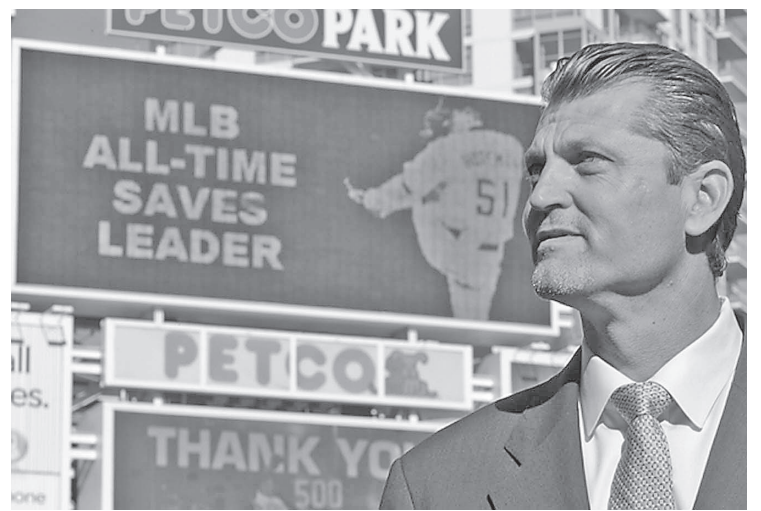
"I wanted to make sure, I wanted to take that time away from the game and see if the fire would rekindle in a way I would want to go out and compete," he said. "The opportunities weren't there and it was apparent that this is the direction I wanted to go." Then an unknown rookie, Hoffman had two saves for expansion Florida in 1993 before being acquired by the salary-slashing Padres on June 24, 1993, along with two other players for Gary Sheffield and Rich Rodriguez. Then-general manager Randy Smith said the Padres received "value for value" in the deal. But fans, steamed at the exodus of talent, booed Hoffman during his first several appearances. As he grew into the closer's role, it was clear Smith had indeed traded for a valuable player.

In 1992, Sheffield won the NL batting title with the Padres and made a run at the Triple Crown.

Dick Freeman, the Padres' team president at the time, attended Wednesday's news conference.

"As I said to somebody the other day, everybody thought there was a Hall of Famer in that trade, but I don't think many people thought it was going to be the guy we were getting," Freeman said.

Hoffman was converted from shortstop to pitcher in



Former baseball pitcher Trevor Hoffman speaks to journalists after announcing his retirement at Petco Park Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, in San Diego. Baseball's all-time saves leader announced his retirement at age 43 after 18 seasons in the major leagues.

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the minor leagues when his manager got tired of him overthrowing first base. He said his changeup developed over time, starting when he learned a new grip from Donnie Elliott, who was acquired from Atlanta in the Fred McGriff trade in July 1993.

Hoffman, a native of Southern California, said another factor in relying on the changeup came in the mid-1990s when he "jacked up my shoulder screwing around on the beach, throwing a Nerf football and playing volleyball."

While that affected the velocity of his fastball, his changeup got better.

"When you're out there as a closer you want to get strikes and you want to get them quick," Hoffman said. "Sometimes you don't want to

waste your whole repertoire to get into an out situation or a count. If you have pretty good conviction on two pitches, I think that's enough you want to deal with."

Former Padres teammate Phil Nevin, now the manager of the Triple-A Toledo Mud Hens, marveled at how quickly Hoffman mastered the changeup.

"Remember, I first started catching when I was here, and the darn thing was hard to catch, and I knew it was coming," Nevin said. "Every time he threw it, you thought he crossed you up because it would come out of his hand like a fastball even though you knew it was a changeup." Hoffman was part of four NL West championship clubs and helped the Padres get to the 1998 World Series. □

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NHL Roundup

Canadiens rally to beat Rangers 2-1

NEW YORK (AP) — The Montreal Canadiens came from a goal down to beat New York 2-1 on Tuesday, ending the Rangers' run of three straight wins.

New York came out flying early, buoyed by consecutive one-goal wins on the road, but couldn't sustain the momentum after Brandon Dubinsky gave the Rangers an early 1-0 lead.

Jaroslav Spacek scored the tying goal in the second period, ending a 28-game drought, and Benoit Pouliot put Montreal ahead for good in the third with a difficult angled shot.

In Buffalo, Danny Briere had a goal and three assists against his former team, helping Philadelphia overcome a two-goal deficit and beat Buffalo. Ville Leino scored the go-ahead goal in the third period, with the rebound going in off his skate. Scott Hartnell scored twice, including an empty-netter, and Mike Richards also scored as the Eastern Conference-leading Flyers won their fourth straight.

Cody McCormick had a goal

and an assist, and Paul Gaustad also scored for Buffalo, which led 2-0 before the first period was 10 minutes old.

Predators 5, Wild 1

In Nashville, the hosts blew open the game with three goals in the third period, beating Minnesota and recording a sixth straight victory.

Joel Ward had a goal and an assist while Nick Spaling scored two goals in the third, and Marcel Goc also added had an unassisted goal in the period. David Legwand scored in the first.

Mikko Koivu scored for Minnesota.

In Columbus, Derek Morris' late slap shot went in off goalie Mathieu Garon's back, leading Phoenix past slumping Columbus.

The Coyotes, who trailed 3-1, also got goals from Radim Vrbata, Vernon Fiddler and Eric Belanger.

The loss was the fifth in a row for the Blue Jackets, who got goals from Jared Boll, Rostislav Klesla and Kristian Huselius.

In Uniondale, New York, Mason Raymond and Ryan



New York Rangers right wing Marian Gaborik (10) skates away as Montreal Canadiens' Tomas Plekanec (14), Travis Moen (32) and Max Pacioretty (67) celebrate after an NHL hockey game Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, in New York. The Canadiens won 2-1.

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Kesler scored in a shootout, leading surging Vancouver to the win over New York.

Alex Burrows, Kesler and Kevin Bieksa scored in regulation for the Canucks, who improved to 14-0-3 in their last 17 games and lead the league with 62 points.

Jack Hillen, John Taveras and Blake Comeau had goals for the Islanders.

In Sunrise, Florida, Dennis Wideman scored a power-play goal in overtime, helping Florida end a three-game losing streak and defeat Washington.

After the Panthers squandered a three-goal lead, Wideman's wrist shot from the right circle beat Michal Neuvirth on the glove side at 2:51 of overtime. Mike Santorelli, Marty Reasoner and David Booth also scored for Florida.

Marcus Johansson scored twice for Washington and Mike Knuble added another.

Bruins 6, Senators 0

In Boston, Patrice Bergeron scored his first career hat trick as Boston routed Ottawa.

Boston's Tim Thomas earned his sixth shutout of the season, while Brad Marchand and Tyler Seguin each had a goal and an assist for the Bruins.

Boston has not conceded a goal against the Senators this

year across three games.

Stars 3, Oilers 2

In Dallas, James Neal scored the tiebreaking goal as Dallas anapped a run of five straight home defeats by beating Edmonton.

Neal took a shot from the right circle that went over the shoulder of goalie Nikolai Khabibulin and ricocheted out of the net so quickly that play continued for a while. Officials then looked at a video replay and awarded the goal.

Neal's 16th of the season came soon after the Oilers scored twice in less than 2 minutes to tie it.

Jamie Benn scored his third goal in two games for Dallas and captain Brenden Morrow also scored.

Jean-Francois Jacques and Ryan Jones scored for the Oilers, who have won only one of their past ten.

Hurricanes 6, Flames 5, SO

In Raleigh, North Carolina, rookie Jeff Skinner scored in the shootout to lift Carolina over Calgary.

Goalie Cam Ward blocked three attempts in the shootout, Jussi Jokinen had two goals and an assist, while Erik Cole, Tuomo Ruutu and Eric Staal also scored for the Hurricanes, who blew a three-goal lead but

recovered to win their third straight.

Jarome Iginla and Niklas Hagman each had a goal and an assist for the Flames, who lost their fourth straight. Jay Bouwmeester, Curtis Glencross and Rene Bourque also scored.

Maple Leafs 4, Sharks 2

In San Jose, Toronto piled on four goals in the third period to give coach Ron Wilson his 600th career win, against his old team San Jose.

Carl Gunnarsson scored a tiebreaking goal midway through the third, while Clarke MacArthur scored twice and Phil Kessel added another for the resurgent Maple Leafs, who have won four straight.

Patrick Marleau scored twice for the Sharks, who have lost five straight.

Wilson became the seventh coach to reach the 600-win milestone.

In other NHL games it was Vancouver 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO; Carolina 6, Calgary 5, SO; Boston 6, Ottawa 0; Montreal 2, N.Y. Rangers 1; Phoenix 4, Columbus 3; Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 2; Florida 4, Washington 3, OT; Nashville 5, Minnesota 1; Dallas 3, Edmonton 2; and Toronto 4, San Jose 2. □



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NBA Roundup

Knicks win on road again, beat Blazers

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — The New York Knicks picked up a 12th road win of the season — already bettering last season's total — by beating the Portland Trail Blazers 100-86 in the NBA on Tuesday.

Amare Stoudemire had 23 points and eight rebounds while Raymond Felton added 17 points and 14 assists for the Knicks. Stoudemire has scored at least 20 points in 22 straight games.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Blazers.

Spurs 107, Timberwolves 96

In Minneapolis, San Antonio's Manu Ginobili sank five technical free throws in a 10-second span of the third quarter as Minnesota Timberwolves came unglued en route to a 16th consecutive loss to the Spurs.

Ginobili had 19 points and nine rebounds in all and Richard Jefferson scored 17 for the Spurs, who lead the league.

Kevin Love had 20 points and 20 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who have lost five in a row and saw referee Ken Mauer award a five-technical binge in the third.

Darko Milicic, Corey Brewer and Love each got whistled for one technical and coach Kurt Rambis received two and was ejected.

Nuggets 132, Suns 98

In Denver, Arron Afflalo scored a career-high 31 points, helping Denver Nuggets snap a three-game skid with a rout of Phoenix. Carmelo Anthony followed up one of his worst

shooting performances with a 28-point effort. Anthony, the subject of trade talks all season, was greeted early by the crowd with a smattering of boos but quickly reversed the mood with his hustle and hanging jumpers. He also grabbed 10 rebounds.

Steve Nash hit his first four shots for Phoenix, but didn't make another and spent the fourth quarter on the bench. He finished with 15 points.

Lakers 112, Cavaliers 57

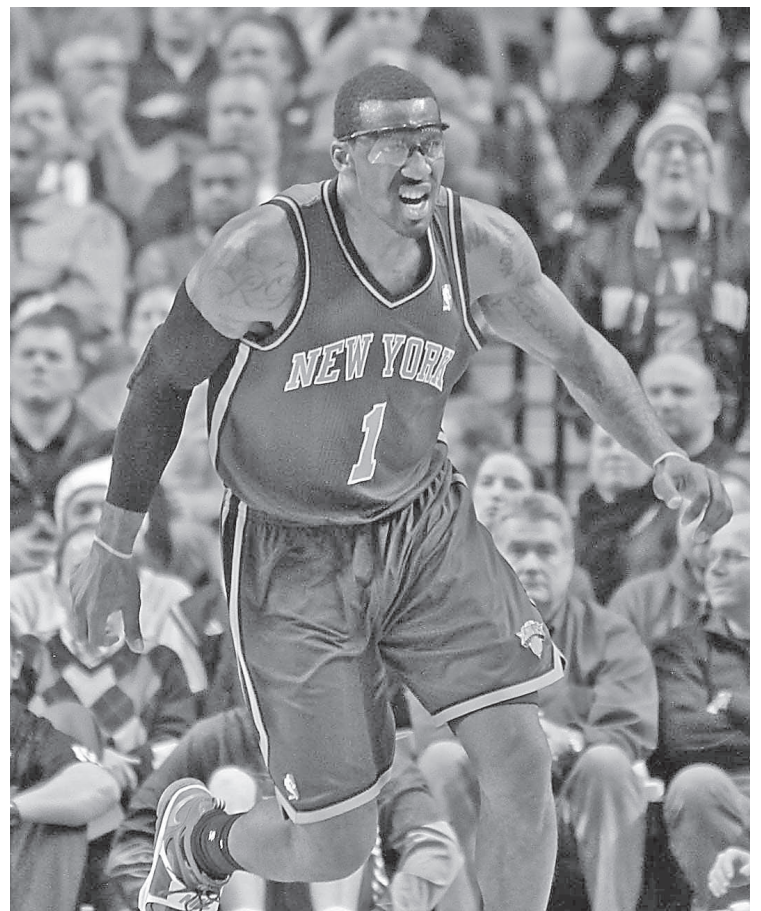
In Los Angeles, the hosts recorded their best defensive performance in the shot clock era, humbling Cleveland.

Ron Artest and Andrew Bynum each scored 15 points for the defending NBA champion Lakers, who led the league's worst team by 32 points at halftime on their way to winning their fifth in a row. Cleveland's point total was a record low by a Lakers opponent. The Cavs shot 30 percent, were outscored 52-28 in the paint and committed 19 turnovers in losing their 11th straight.

Pacers 111, 76ers 103

In Philadelphia, Indiana won their first road game in 10 attempts, beating Philadelphia. Danny Granger scored 27 points and Darren Collison added 21 points and 13 assists for the Pacers. Jrue Holiday led the Sixers with 19 points. Andre Iguodala returned to Philadelphia's starting lineup after missing the previous seven games with Achilles' tendinitis, but was largely ineffective and didn't seem to have the same explosiveness to the basket. **Wizards 136, Kings 133. OT**

In Washington, Nick Young scored a career-high 43 points, and Kirk Hinrich had six in overtime as Washington survived a last-minute regulation meltdown to beat Sacramento. The Wizards blew a six-point lead in the final 14 seconds of the fourth quarter, and nearly blew a five-point lead in the final half-minute of overtime. Young went 14 for 22 from the field, including 7 for 10 from 3-point range for the Wizards, who are 10-8 at home but 0-18 on the road. Six Washington players scored in double figures in the team's highest-scoring output of the season. Beno Udrih and Francisco Garcia scored 26 points apiece for the Kings,



New York Knicks forward Amare Stoudemire races downcourt after stuffing the ball during the second half of their NBA basketball game against the Portland Trail Blazers in Portland, Ore., Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011. Stoudemire led the Knicks with 23 points as they beat the Blazers 100-86.

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who have lost 11 straight on the road and six in a row at Washington. In other NBA games it was Indiana 111, Philadelphia 103; Washington 136,

Sacramento 133, OT; San Antonio 107, Minnesota 96; Denver 132, Phoenix 98; New York 100, Portland 86; and L.A. Lakers 112, Cleveland 57. □





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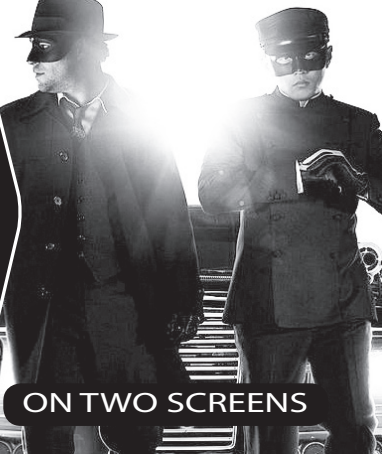
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Armstrong bemoans cycling's doping record

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong says he's not happy with the high level of doping in cycling but blames it on the sport's strenuous efforts to expose drug cheats.

Armstrong said too many cyclists had tested positive for banned substances but other sports would have similar records in athletes were monitored as closely.

The 38-year-old American has been linked to a U.S. federal investigation into drug use by cyclists, prompted by allegations from his disgraced former teammate Floyd Landis.

Armstrong said he was not concerned at being mentioned in doping investigations but regretted the blemish upon the sport. □

Iverson to undergo scan on injured ankle in Turkey

ISTANBUL (AP) — Besiktas says former NBA star Allen Iverson injured his right ankle and will have an MRI scan on Thursday.

Besiktas spokesman Kursat Kaplan said Wednesday that the club will assess Iverson's future after the MRI.

The 11-time NBA All-Star has said he's happy with his new career in Turkey, though his start has been mixed since playing his first game in November.

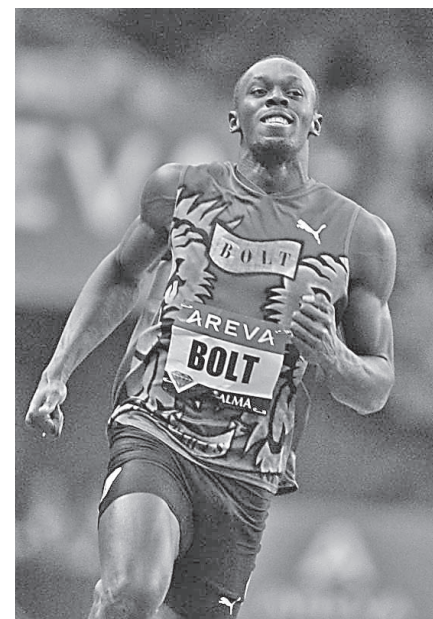
Iverson, the NBA's Most Valuable Player in 2001, agreed to a \$4 million, two-year deal with Besiktas after no NBA team offered him a contract. □



Former NBA player Allen Iverson of Besiktas Cola Turka reacts during their Turkish basketball league game against Fenerbahce Ulker in Istanbul, Turkey.

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CONI says Bolt to run at Rome's Golden Gala



This July 16, 2010, file photo shows Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt reacting as he wins in the Men's 100 meters during the Athletics Diamond League Areva meeting at Stade De France in Saint Denis, France.

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ROME (AP) — Italian officials say Usain Bolt will run at the Golden Gala meet in Rome on May 26.

Italian Olympic Committee president Giovanni Petrucci made the announcement to the Gazzetta dello Sport and a CONI spokesman confirmed to The Associated Press that Bolt's presence has been secured. However, a spokesman for Italian athletics federation FIDAL, which jointly operates the Golden Gala with CONI, says final details are still being worked out with the 100- and 200-meter world record holder.

On Tuesday, Bolt said he has recovered from various injuries and that his preparations for the world championships in Daegu, South Korea, in August, are on track.

He also announced he will run the 200 in June at the Bislett Games, a Diamond League meeting in Oslo. □

Del Potro beaten at Sydney International

SYDNEY (AP) — Juan Martin del Potro's comeback from injury briefly stalled with his 6-2, 7-5 loss to Germany's Florian Mayer in the second round of the Sydney International on Wednesday.

After beating Feliciano Lopez in his comeback match in the first round on Monday, the 2009 U.S. Open champion lost to the unseeded Mayer in 74 minutes. Del Potro dropped his serve three times in the match including, crucially, at 5-5 in the second set.

Mayer said later it was clear del Potro was not yet 100 percent after a long battle with a wrist injury last year.

"You could see he's not 100 percent," Mayer said. "His serve is really strong but from the baseline he missed a lot.

"I think also he was maybe a little bit tired from his long match Monday because when you don't play for such a long time and you play your first match over three hours, it's really tough.

"But I really played well from the baseline. I knew when I played my game I had a good chance to win today, and I took it."

Top-seeded Sam Querrey of the United States also exited, losing 6-4, 6-3 to Alexandr Dolgoplov of Ukraine.

Before his win on Monday, del Potro's last tour-level victory came against Mayer in the third round of the 2010 Australian Open. Del Potro was sidelined for most of the 2010 season, causing him to drop out of the world's top 200.

"Of course I want to play and win a tournament," del Potro said.

"When you lose, it's hard. But now it's different. I have different sensations. I lost, but I have another tournament in three days. I'm in good shape. I have my wrist in good shape. That's good."

Querrey was making his first appearance after a first-round bye. He became the first top seed to lose his Sydney opener

in seven years. His demise, following women's top seed Caroline Wozniacki's on Tuesday, marked the first time since 2002 that both top seeds lost their first matches.

Before facing Querrey, Dolgoplov had to finish off Australian qualifier Bernard Tomic. Their first-round match was stopped by rain on Tuesday after a set apiece, and Dolgoplov wrapped it up 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-2.

Third-seeded Ernests Gulbis of Latvia beat Igor Andreev of Russia 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 to reach his second quarterfinals in two weeks. Gulbis made a shaky start, losing his serve twice in the opening set. But he broke Andreev once in each of the last two sets and dropped only five points on serve in the final set, finishing with 17 aces.

Gulbis' quarterfinal opponent will be Ukrainian Sergiy Stakhovsky, who beat seventh-seeded Guillermo Garcia-Lopez of Spain 6-3, 6-4.

Last year's finalist and No. 5-seeded Richard Gasquet



Kim Clijsters of Belgium plays a shot in her match against Victoria Azarenka of Belarus during the Sydney International tennis tournament in Sydney, Australia, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011.

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came back from a set down to beat Italian Andreas Seppi 3-6, 7-5, 6-4 in 2 hours, 4 minutes. Gasquet next meets fourth-seeded Serbian Viktor Troicki, who beat former finalist Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina 6-2, 6-3.

Troicki converted four of 11 break point chances.

Frenchman Gilles Simon earned a quarterfinal spot by winning two matches on Wednesday. He completed a 6-0, 6-3 win over No. 8-seeded Yen-hsun Lu, in a rain-delayed match, then beat Portugal's Frederico Gil 6-1, 6-3.

In the women's quarterfinals,

eighth-seeded Li Na of China beat Svetlana Kuznetsova 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3 from 6-3, 5-3 down.

"I didn't want to have any regrets after the match so I just tried to calm down," Li said. She'll meet Bojana Jovanovski, the Serbian qualifier who beat Flavia Pennetta of Italy 6-4, 6-1 to reach her first WTA semifinals.

No. 3-seeded Kim Clijsters beat No. 7 Victoria Azarenka 6-3, 6-2 in 85 minutes to advance to a semifinal against Alisa Kleybanova of Russia. Kleybanova topped Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia 6-3, 5-7, 6-2. □



Australia's Lleyton Hewitt serves during his match against Kazakhstan's Andrey Golubev in the Hopman Cup tennis tournament in Perth, Australia, on Thursday, January 6, 2011.

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MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Lleyton Hewitt fanned hopes of a hometown win in the Australian Open when he upset Russia's Mikhail Youzhny 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 at the exhibition Kooyong Classic on Wednesday.

Hewitt, ranked 54, beat the 10th-ranked Youzhny in his first appearance at Kooyong to show promising form ahead

of the season's first Grand Slam which starts on Monday. Frenchman Gael Monfils, who tuned up for the Open with a 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4 three-hour win over defending champion Fernando Verdasco of Spain, was impressed with Hewitt's form and said the Australian can win a Grand Slam this year. Russia's Nikolay Davydenko beat Czech Tomas

Hewitt beats Youzhny at Kooyong Classic

Berdych 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 in the third match on opening day.

Hewitt won 2002 Wimbledon and the 2001 U.S. Open and reached the Australian final six years ago, and Monfils said he was still able to add to that record.

"I think mentally Lleyton is very strong and what I heard and what I read he's fresh because he had a long period off and he had 10 weeks of good training," Monfils said.

"And as we know, Lleyton is strong mentally and is a big champion and he showed last year that he could win against (Roger) Federer. And this year I think he decided to play only the majors so, yeah, I think he

can win a major again."

Hewitt said his Open campaign was well on track after his solid workout on Wednesday. "It's a quality field here and none of the matches are going to be easy," Hewitt said.

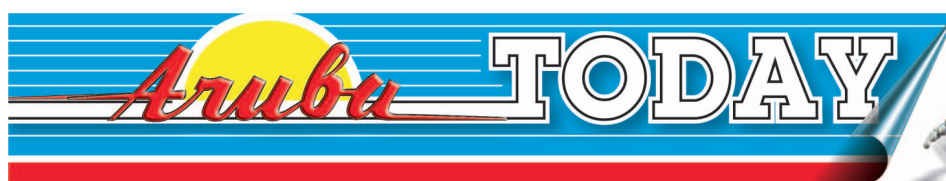
"Mikhail had a great finish to last year, making the semis of the U.S. Open and winning in Kuala Lumpur. He's a quality player and we've had some really tough battles in the past so it's nice to win the first one. "He's dangerous at all four majors — he could make a run at any one of them."

Hewitt said he was happy with his progress at last week's Hopman Cup in Perth and at Kooyong. "I've played four

quality players and hit the ball pretty well and feel like I've got better," he said.

"Obviously today was totally different conditions to Perth but that's good for me going into Melbourne." Hewitt was sidelined for a lengthy period last year with a hip injury and said he was still unsure of his overall fitness. "It's hard to say, you don't know what's around the corner," he said.

"I was feeling pretty good coming into the Hopman Cup last year and all of a sudden in practice I hurt my other hip. I can only do the preparation I'm able to do and I feel like I've prepared as well as possible." □



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Introductions in order at Sony Open

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — The Sony Open is the first full-field event of the PGA Tour, a time filled with as much optimism as curiosity. It is not unusual to see veterans looking at names on the golf bags to figure out who some of these guys are.

There are 26 rookies at Waialae, 10 of them who have never teed it up in any PGA Tour event.

“You walk on that range and you feel like you’re on a different tour,” Ernie Els said.

Paul Goydos, starting his 19th year on tour, mentioned they he had already met three players in the dining room.

Did they know him?

“Yeah, I think so,” Goydos said. “But when they say, ‘My dad loves your game,’ that’s when you know you’re in deep trouble.”

Goydos had hit his tee shot when he made a quick detour to the practice range to adjust his driver. When he got back to the first fairway, another player was right ahead of him. It was 20-year-old Bio Kim, the youngest player on tour this year, and among those who had never competed in a PGA Tour event.

Goydos introduced himself, and jokingly said, “I’m sure his dad has seen me play.” Kim, a South Korean, was asked if he knew anything about Goydos.

“You shot 59,” he said to him with a smile.

“At least I’m known for one thing,” said Goydos, who hit golf’s magic number at the John Deere Classic last year. Such introductions are part of the charm of the Sony Open, a tournament that brings together veterans and rookies, old and new. The field includes 54-year-old Fred Funk, and he’s not even the oldest player at Waialae. That would be 67-year-old Dave Eichelberger, now a PGA club pro who recently won the Aloha Section and earned a spot in the field.

The rookies include Joseph Bramlett, a Stanford graduate who made it through Q-school on his first try and became the first player of black heritage since Tiger Woods to join the PGA Tour. There’s Keegan Bradley, the nephew of LPGA Tour star Pat Bradley, a pair of Nationwide Tour grads in Jamie Lovemark and Kevin Chappell.

This is the time to dream big. Bramlett, who qualified for the U.S. Open last summer, knows he has never had any success on the PGA Tour. He also has never experienced any prolonged failure, which allows for such high hopes.

“Everyone is pretty optimistic,” Furyk said. “You’ve got goals, New Year’s resolutions, things you want to achieve. If you’re not optimistic this time of the year, I’d sure as hell hate to see what your



Ernie Els of South Africa, follows his shot from the second tee during the second round of the Hyundai Tournament of Champions golf tournament in Kapalua, Hawaii Friday, Jan. 7, 2011.

attitude is like in October.

Ryan Palmer is the defending champion, and the field features four players from among the top 15 in the world, most of whom were at Kapalua last week for the season-opening Tournament of Champions.

Furyk had played four times before he got his PGA Tour card, and he remembers starting his rookie season in 1994 at the Sony Open. His father was with him and stepped away when Furyk took his spot on the practice range. Facing a hard Kona wind, into this face and blowing to the left, he took out a sand wedge and his first shot fat.

“I blew all this dirt and sand up in the air and it just coated the guy next to me, almost like I could hear it hitting him,” Furyk said. “I looked over to see who was behind me, and it was Lanny Wadkins.”

Another shot, same result.

Furyk tried his best to make light of the situation, no

matter how mortified he was.

“I said, ‘I guess I’ll aim a little farther right on the next one,’” Furyk said. “He was over his ball, and he looked up and said, ‘That would be nice.’ That was the only conversation.”

Welcome to the tour, kid.

Furyk turned out OK. He now has 16 wins, a major, a FedEx Cup title and he’s closing in on \$50 million for his career.

Who’s next?

The player getting most of the attention is Lovemark, who won the money list on the Nationwide Tour last year and was part of the three-way playoff in Arizona in 2009 that also featured Rickie Fowler.

Of the American rookies last year, the only guy who won a tournament was Derek Lamely in Puerto Rico, an opposite-field event. Then again, no one paid much attention to Ben Curtis in 2003 in his rookie year until he was holding the

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claret jug. Most rookies at least have the experience of having played on the Nationwide Tour. They know what it’s like to look for a good hotel, leave early after missing the cut, and realize that it doesn’t take long for fortunes to change. Goydos spent a couple of years on the old Hogan Tour, which he said helped — but only so far.

“The first tournament I played, I remember walking through the locker room and Davis Love was walking in the opposite direction,” Goydos said. “The guy looked 9 feet tall.”

One theory is that rookies are more optimistic because they don’t know what they’re getting into yet.

“The older you get, the less you realize you know,” Goydos said. “It’s the same way with golf. You get out here long enough, you realize, ‘Wow, it is really hard to win.’ But maybe that’s another reason why I’ve only won twice.” □

Technology helps golfers fine-tune game

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. – Golf is a constant quest for improvement, which is why new clubs, balls, training aids and other gadgets are introduced each year. If gadgets were truly the answer, of course, there would be more top-notch golfers littering the links.

Nonetheless, I tested a few new golf devices and one club in the off-chance one might bring me a step closer to breaking 80 on a par-72 course for the first time. Although I didn't manage that, I found some promising companions.

The Callaway uPro (\$399.99), from Callaway Golf Company, is a GPS device about the size of a deck of cards. It tells you where you are in relation to the hole you're trying to knock the ball into.

Global positioning system technology is familiar to the golf bag, but the uPro has several notable features. It lets you download full-color, birds-eye-view video clips of the course you're playing, so you can see trees, fairway widths and hazards that lie around the blind corner.

I connected the uPro to my PC and downloaded some of my local golf course maps to the device.

There are both free and paid versions of various golf courses. A single course map

costs \$10, and multi-course packs go for as much as \$180 for 150 courses of your choosing.

The free ones provide basic yardage to the green, icons representing hazards and a few other features. The "Pro" paid versions gave me the flyover videos.

The Pro version also helped me select the best clubs for my shots by giving me the distance from where I stood to the spot I wanted my ball to come to rest. Using a navigation pad on the device, I moved an on-screen icon to my desired landing spot, and uPro gave me the distance to that location.

As I played the nine-hole Candler Park course in Atlanta, uPro gave me accurate yardage for all of my shots. That helped my game when I made solid contact with the ball, though very little when I misfired a shot.

The uPro is a fine device with premium GPS capabilities. It's lightweight, and I barely felt it when I shoved it in my back pocket during shots. I was also able to keep score for my round with the uPro, which handled all the multitasking just fine. I'd buy it if I played a lot of long courses where distance data are at a premium, but it's disappointing to have to pay extra for the Pro course maps.

The Garmin Approach S1 (\$249.99), from Garmin International, is a nifty GPS watch that offers important course info at a glance. No golf aid I've ever tried was easier to use than this one. I simply put it on my wrist and headed to the course.

All the course data are free and appear automatically. When I got to the Stonemount Course in Stone Mountain, Ga., the Approach S1 immediately recognized the course and my hole and gave me the yardage to the front, middle and back of the green. The numbers adjusted automatically when I arrived at my next shot, the next hole, and so on.

I never had to press a button unless I wanted to measure the distance of a shot I just hit. I could simply glance at it and know that I had 143 yards to the middle of a green. I can't consistently hit 143 yards, but that battle is for another day.

My favorite device was the Garmin Approach G5 (\$349.99). It's a smart, waterproof handheld GPS device that gave me all the features I could want.

It had thousands of free, detailed golf course maps preloaded into memory, gave me accurate yardage for shots and allowed me to keep score for multiple players. Best of all, it's a touch-screen device



with a brilliant display and intuitive menus.

The Garmin S1 merely provides yardage numbers. The G5 device gives you everything, in a detailed graphic display. It was easier and faster to input scores and plan shot strategy with Garmin's G5 than using the Callaway device, which has a similar feature.

To plan my shots, I used my thumb to move a red circle on the screen to my desired landing spot on each hole at Stonemount. I could quickly measure my shots and log distances into the device's memory. After the yardage was measured, I simply tapped an on-screen button to select the club I used. It only takes a few seconds.

After my round, I went home and connected the Approach G5 to my PC. I saved scorecards for each round

and displayed them on a Web page. Garmin's free software (PC or Mac) also tracked the number of putts I tapped for the round (many), the number of greens I hit in regulation (few) and the average distance I hit with my clubs.

The Callaway Diablo Octane driver (\$299.99) is made of a composite material invented by Callaway to make the clubhead lighter and stronger. If my tests at the range and on the course are any indication, the engineers did quite well.

The company says the new composite material results in a random arrangement of fibers that make the club lighter and stronger, which allows it to maintain more of its power through impact with the ball.

The sole and face of the clubhead are titanium, but the guts are composite.

Farther, or just farther left? I sought to find out. □



Fujitsu demoed its next-generation tablet at the Consumer Electronics Show. It came as no surprise, as the company has long been a player in highly mobile and slate-style products especially

ones aimed at corporate and vertical markets in previous pushes towards a tablet PC.

"There will be a lot of entries, and they'll either fly or die," Fujitsu's product manager Paul Moore astutely notes.

Fujitsu Shows Windows 7-based Tablet

For Fujitsu's first tablet, due in the United States in the first half of 2011, the company is showing a 10-inch Windows slate design. The slate is running a 1280 by 800 resolution, 400 nit screen that uses N-trig's multi-touch screen technology for doing finger and pen navigation on the same screen. (HP's Slate, announced late fall 2010, already uses this technology, and N-trig has announced support for Android devices as well.) This technology alone makes the unnamed Fujitsu slate a good fit for the company's target vertical markets, which include finance and healthcare.

The unit will have Windows 7 Professional running on an

Intel Atom Oaktrail-based system with a self-encrypted solid state drive, an option for wireless broadband, plus standard connectivity like Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, biometric security (a small swipe is on the underside of the unit), and front- and rear-facing cameras and microphones.

Fujitsu expects the slate to come in at about 1.7 pounds, a figure Moore notes is about the same across his competitive set just because of the all the component requirements necessary to create a Windows slate. The price has yet to be determined, but "competitive" with other Windows tablets. As for Android? "We've been leery of the Android OS," admits Moore. "We

have an Android slate on the roadmap, and it would have Honeycomb. But the regions for distribution have not been settled yet." Moore says the Android slate will ship in Japan, but he's not sure if it will make it to U.S. shores.

Also unknown is whether the Fujitsu phone displayed at CES will make it Stateside, either. Fujitsu showed a Docomo phone that ships in Japan today. The hook? The phone, in black and gold, is waterproof: Drop it in water, and it will survive. At the least, the company plans to take the technology of the interface and the waterproof feature, and considering integrating it into an Android based tablet later this year. □

A family is gone, but its best years live on film

Actor David Nelson of famous TV family dead at 74



FILE - This undated file photo shows the Nelson Family, Ozzie and Harriet with sons Ricky, left, and David, in their television home. David Nelson, who starred on his parents' popular television show 'The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet,' died Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, at his home in the Century City area of Los Angeles. He was 74.

(AP Photo/A&E, File)

By **FRAZIER MOORE**,
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — David Nelson was a star of TV's original family sitcom. But as he lived with his family in front of the cameras, he was a star in what also might be seen as TV's

first reality show.

Nelson, who died Tuesday at age 74, was the last surviving member of "America's Favorite Family," which is how he, his brother and parents were introduced each week on "The Adventures of

Ozzie & Harriet."

Whether they were the nation's favorite or not, the Nelsons were welcomed by viewers in the 1950s and early 1960s as a model of calm, reassuring domesticity, with David and younger brother Ricky the ideal Baby Boomer lads.

While other sitcoms ("Father Knows Best," "Leave It to Beaver") also depicted a comfortable, stable home life amid the sitcom laughs, no show had a softer touch than "Ozzie & Harriet." The neighborly world it occupied, where its everyday stories called "adventures" unfolded, made Beaver Cleaver's small-town Mayfield seem like Baghdad.

Adding to "Ozzie & Harriet's" relatability: The show and the nuclear family it showcased were, to a large extent, interchangeable.

The cozy, New England-style house in which the TV-Nelson family lived in mythical Hillsdale was the same house (displayed in exterior shots) as the home on a tree-lined street in Hollywood where David and Ricky grew up, and where, years later, the widowed Harriet continued to reside. That home's interior was mirrored on a sound stage where the series was shot.

The real Ozzie and Harriet played the title characters, just as David and Ricky played themselves.

They had replaced child actors during the 1940s run of the

radio precursor. Then, when "Ozzie & Harriet" premiered on ABC in 1952, David and Ricky retained their roles in the TV household. They were 15 and 12, but, year by year, they proceeded to grow up through their teens and into young adulthood by the series' conclusion.

By then, both brothers had married in real life. So did David and Ricky on the show, as the real-life wives — June and Kris — joined the show in the roles of themselves.

Granted, the show also took creative license.

On TV, David graduated from college and joined a local law firm, where Ricky later worked as a clerk.

On TV, Ricky, though a popular kid in town for the rock songs he sang (which became a feature of the show), wasn't seen as the global heartthrob he became in real life.

And Ozzie, who on the show was a cheery, slightly befuddled chap of indeterminate profession, was a dominating show-biz force behind the scenes: The one-time bandleader not only headlined on the sitcom he had created, but also produced, directed and wrote it.

Whatever the differences between the Nelsons on- and off-screen, the public paid no notice. So gracefully did the Nelson family comport itself, its public and private identities seemed all of one piece.

And that's how "Ozzie & Harriet" went out in September 1966, still beloved, if flaunting irrelevance in an era the TV Nelsons could have never comprehended.

After that, in the raw real world, David and Rick divorced the wives who had played their TV spouses. Ozzie died in 1975. On New Year's Eve 1985, Rick died in a plane crash after years of battling drug addiction and struggling for a comeback in the music industry. Harriet died in 1994, at age 85.

That left David, who, in the years after "Ozzie & Harriet," was an occasional actor and a television director.

He is still known to millions from "Ozzie & Harriet" as the first-born and the patient older brother Ricky often overshadowed.

But from the series' first season, Ricky is the scene-stealer.

In an early episode, Ricky tries to get David to take him to the movies. David wants to hang out with his pals.

"A guy can have a couple of friends in this world, can't he?" David says.

"Oh, yeah?" fires back Ricky. "If it wasn't for me, you'd be an only child."

Six decades later, the scene plays out less as a distant moment from a long-ago sitcom than as a home movie pulled from the vault. It's still safe, even now, from death or real life.

Argument leads to police questioning homeless man

LOS ANGELES — A trip to Hollywood for appearances on "Dr. Phil" and "Entertainment Tonight" got off to a rough start for an Ohio homeless man whose golden voice has made him an Internet sensation. A disturbance report was made after Ted Williams and his daughter got into a heated argument Monday at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel & Spa. "It was minor. Both parties were angry but there were no signs of visible abuse," Los Angeles police Officer Catherine Massey said Tuesday. She said the two "were brought in, calmed down, talked to and released" and she did not know the nature of the argument.

Williams and his daughter were held at the Hollywood police station for less than an hour and they were not arrested, Massey said.

She declined to name Williams' daughter, but a statement from "Entertainment Tonight" identified her as Janey (pronounced juh-NAY') Williams.

Ted Williams told ET in a Tuesday night show that it was a family gathering that got out of control.

"I wanted to bring it to a close by just saying, 'Shut the hell up and let me talk to your mother.' When that was said out of my mouth, my daughter exploded, just erupted into this jump up in my face type of thing, fists

started flying, none of which were mine none were mine but it could have escalated to the point where it could have gotten really ugly. So in the process of doing that, I got scratched on my face," he told ET. Janey Williams told ET she was angry because her father, a recovering alcoholic and drug addict, had resumed drinking.

"He has consumed at least a bottle of Gray Goose a night. That's not including the Coronas he ordered, that's not including the Budweisers he ordered, the other alcohol, the wines. He drinks heavily," she said. Ted Williams denied to ET that he had been drinking. □



BUSINESS

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ITT Corp to break itself up, shares rise 18 percent

ATLANTA — U.S. manufacturer ITT Corp (ITT.N) plans to split itself into three companies to take advantage of the growing water and industrial markets as its defense unit prepares for U.S. military spending cuts. Its shares rose 18 percent on Wednesday, reaching their highest point since the fall of 2008.

"We are theoretically at the beginning of a recovery in the commercial and industrial end markets, so the timing is good on that front," said Robinson Humphrey analyst Peter Skibitski.

After the breakup, ITT Corp will continue as an aerospace, transportation, energy and industrial engineering company. Another company will make water pumps, and the third will supply defense equipment.

Last month, ITT said 2011 growth in its businesses that supply water pumps and

products for transportation markets would help its earnings.

It forecast that revenue and operating income would rise in those two segments, but fall in defense, the company's largest unit, which accounts for more than 50 percent of sales.

Skibitski said uncertainty about ITT's defense business because of expected U.S. budget cuts held back its share performance. With the share rise on Wednesday, ITT's value is about \$11.2 billion.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates last week said he plans to cut \$78 billion from the nation's military budget over the next five years because of the government's growing budget deficit.

"We believe that each of these future companies will be strategically well positioned for growth," Chief Executive Steve Loranger said on a conference call.

Shareholders will own stock in all three companies, which likely will be traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

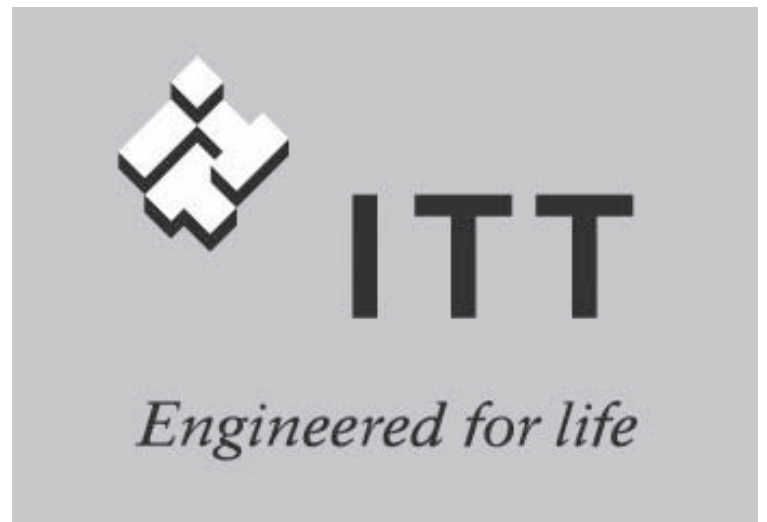
Chief Financial Officer Denise Ramos will be CEO of the new ITT, which will supply airplane parts and products for energy and other commercial markets.

David Melcher, head of the defense unit, will lead the new defense company. Gretchen McClain, president of the fluid technology business, will run the water business.

BREAKING UP IS EASY TO DO

The White Plains, New York-based company joins a list of U.S. conglomerates that have streamlined themselves in recent years.

(Read Breakingviews columnist Robert Cyran's commentary on ITT and the conglomerate breakup wave. Spirits company Fortune Brands (FO.N), said last



month it would spin off or sell its golf unit and spin off its home products unit.

General Electric Co (GE.N) this month expects to close its sale of a majority stake in NBC Universal media to Comcast Corp (CMCSA.O), marking its exit from a business that investors long said fit poorly among its industrial franchises.

Some analysts said the ITT defense and water businesses could attract takeover interest

in light of the breakup plan.

Pro forma 2011 revenue for the future ITT Corp is estimated at \$2.1 billion, the company said in a statement.

ITT expects to finish the breakup by the end of the year. Lazard and JPMorgan Chase advised the company on the break-up plan.

ITT shares, which gained 10 percent of their value in the last three months, were up \$8.35 to \$61.13 on the New York Stock Exchange. □



Oil prices rose Wednesday after the government reported a larger-than-expected drop in crude oil supplies and stock markets climbed on Europe's improving financial picture. Benchmark oil for February delivery rose \$1.05 to \$92.16 a barrel in midday trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Oil prices have hovered between \$88 a barrel and just above \$92 a barrel

since the new year began on expectations that the U.S. economy was getting stronger. Demand for oil has remained robust in emerging markets, particularly in Asia. Some analysts expect the price to top \$95 a barrel and perhaps push toward \$100 a barrel in coming weeks.

"All systems appear to be 'Go' for some higher lift in oil values here, at least through the balance of this

Oil rises above \$92 as supplies drop

month anyway and probably well into next," energy analyst Jim Ritterbusch said.

Gas pump prices continue to climb, with the national average on Wednesday just above \$3.09 for a gallon of regular. That's nearly 12 cents more than a month ago and 34 cents higher than a year ago, according to Wright Express, AAA and the Oil Price Information Service.

The Energy Department said the country's commercial oil supplies fell by 2.2 million barrels to 333.1 million barrels last week. Analysts surveyed by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos., expected a decline of only 300,000 barrels.

Gasoline supplies increased by 5.1 million barrels to 223.2 million barrels, the Energy Information Administration said. Demand rose 1.9 percent

from a year ago to 9.1 million barrels a day in the past four weeks. Supplies of distillates, which include heating oil and diesel fuel, grew by 2.7 million barrels to 164.8 million barrels.

Supplies for all three categories remain at or above the average level for the past five years. Refineries ran at 86.4 percent of total capacity on average, which was 1.6 percent less than a week ago. Meanwhile, the economic picture brightened in Europe as Portugal borrowed \$1.6 billion to help its troubled economy. The successful bond auction sent stock markets up. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose over 100 points at midday. The Standard & Poor's 500 and the Nasdaq composite were higher as well. Oil traders often watch the stock markets to gauge

consumer sentiment about the economy.

In other Nymex trading in February contracts, heating oil rose 2.20 cents to \$2.6308 a gallon, gasoline futures gained 0.16 cent at \$2.4800 per gallon. February natural gas futures lost 1.4 cents at \$4.467 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent crude rose \$1.09 to \$98.70 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange, its highest point in over 2 years. Oil prices in Europe were boosted by the temporary closure of two offshore oil fields by Norway's Statoil, due to gas leaks. □





Giffords making small movements on her own



TUCSON, Ariz. – Four days after being shot in the head, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was making small movements on her own, tugging at her hospital gown and touching her wounds, one of her doctors said Wednesday.

Giffords remained in critical condition at Tucson's University Medical Center after she was struck once in the head Saturday. Authorities accuse Jared Loughner, 22, of opening fire on a crowd at an event she was holding. Nineteen people were shot and six died.

The three-term Democrat was expected to live and has been making progress. Giffords is more alert after nurses eased her sedation. She can breathe on her own, respond to voice commands and even make small spontaneous motions.

"She was able to actually even feel her wounds herself," said trauma surgeon Dr. Peter Rhee, adding she had also pulled at her gown.

Rhee declined to elaborate about her latest progress.

Giffords' husband, astronaut Mark Kelly, has remained by her bedside. Kelly is supposed to command shuttle Endeavour's final mission in April, but NASA has refused to discuss his flight status.

Though Giffords hasn't suffered any setbacks in her recovery, her long-term outlook remains unclear.

Rhee said he expected some permanent damage to occur from the bullet passing through the left side of her brain.

"Will she be functional, viable, normal? I can't say for sure, but I'm very hopeful she will be," he said.

One of Giffords' political aide, 65-year-old Ron Barber, has a memory of the rampage, said his daughter Jenny Douglas.

"He remembers it all, very clearly," said Douglas, who declined to share the details.

Barber was recovering after being shot in the leg, face and neck area. He constantly peppers his family about the congresswoman. Douglas thinks a meeting might help with his recovery.

"He's just asking about her everyday," she said. □



Drug-resistant malaria could spread fast, expert warns

GENEVA – Drug-resistant malaria could spread from southeast Asia to Africa within months, putting millions of children's lives at risk, a leading expert warned on Wednesday.

Nicholas White, professor of tropical medicine at Mahidol University in Bangkok, called for a war before it is too late on the malaria strain resistant to the drug artemisinin that first emerged along the Thai-Cambodian border in 2007.

This longer-to-treat form of malaria is suspected of breaking out along the Thai-Myanmar frontier and in a province of Vietnam, where tests are under way to confirm it, but the great fear is of it reaching Africa.

"It is a time bomb, it is ticking. It has the potential of killing millions of African children," White told Reuters.

A migrant worker who doesn't even show symptoms could spread the resistant parasite beyond Asia, he said. "It could be a Chinese worker acting as an adviser in Cambodian forests who then hops on a plane to Africa. It could go off at any minute."

Earlier, the World Health Organization (WHO) launched a \$175 million annual plan to contain and prevent the global spread of the artemisinin-resistant parasite beyond the Mekong region.

The WHO, which said last month the world could stop malaria deaths by 2015 with massive investment, called for faster research and development of new anti-malarial drugs.

FIGHTING THE WAR

But White, widely credited with helping to first identify the resistant form, called the WHO plan "somewhat anodyne."

"I think we should fight this as a war. We are too fractured as a community," he told an experts

meeting at WHO headquarters.

"What seems to be lacking is a sense of urgency. People talk in terms of years. I think we should be thinking in terms of months. Time is crucial," he said.

Artemisinin, derived from sweet wormwood, or the *Artemisia annua* plant, is the most potent drug available against malaria, especially when used in artemisinin combination therapy (ACT), which links it with other drugs.

"ACTs are the gold standard. They are the most effective treatment for falciparum malaria, the most deadly form of malaria," WHO director-general Margaret Chan said in a speech. "The consequences of widespread resistance to artemisinins would be catastrophic."

Resistance to previous generations of anti-malarial drugs such as chloroquine spread from the same Mekong region to India and then Africa, killing millions, experts say.

"This part of the world is the historical epicenter for the emergence of drug-resistant malaria parasites. History tells us what to expect," Chan said.

White agreed, telling Reuters: "There is a horrible, chilling parallel. It is not as if we haven't been warned."

Malaria infects about 243 million people worldwide a year, causing an estimated 863,000 deaths, making it a major killer especially among African children.

Yet few promising alternatives are available in the immediate research and development pipeline, a WHO report said.

Some 5 million compounds are being screened as potential anti-malarials, 20,000 of which show promise, according to Dr. David Reddy, the new CEO of the Medicines for Malaria Venture, a public-private drugs partnership. □

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2010 ties 2005 as warmest year on record worldwide



WASHINGTON — It's a tie: Last year equaled 2005 as the warmest year on record, government climate experts reported Wednesday.

The average worldwide temperature was 1.12 degrees Fahrenheit (0.62 degree Celsius) above normal last year. That's the same as six years ago, the National Climatic Data Center announced.

Climate experts have become increasingly concerned about rising global temperatures over the last century. Most atmospheric scientists attribute the change to gases released into the air by industrial processes and gasoline-burning engines.

In addition, the Global Historical Climatology Network said Wednesday

that last year was the wettest on record. Rain and snowfall patterns varied greatly around the world.

“The warmth this year reinforces the notion that we are seeing climate change,” said David Easterling, chief of scientific services at the climatic data center. Nine of the 10 warmest years on record have occurred since 2000, he noted. The exception was 1998, which is the third warmest year on record going back to 1880.

Easterling said the data “unequivocally” disproves claims that climate warming ended in 2005.

The temperature readings are collected at land stations and from ships and buoys at sea. The “normal” reading they use is the average worldwide

temperature for the 20th century, which was 57.0 degrees Fahrenheit.

Temperatures over land surfaces were the warmest on record last year, averaging 1.80 degrees Fahrenheit above normal, while ocean temperatures were the third warmest on record at 0.88 degrees above average.

A La Nina condition took effect at the last half of the year, marked by below normal temperatures in the tropical Pacific Ocean

While it was the wettest year on record, Easterling declined to link warmer temperatures with the unusual moisture, commenting that much more research would be needed in that area.

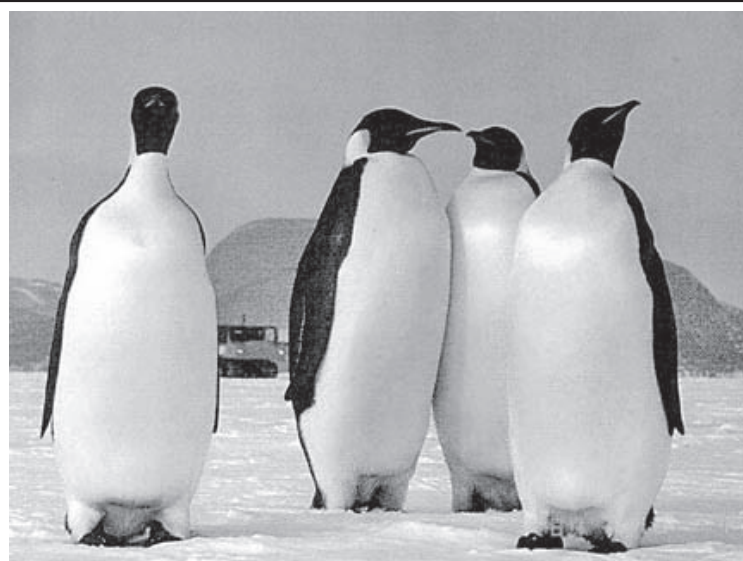
Other findings in the annual climate report included:

There were just seven named storms and three hurricanes in the Pacific, the fewest since the mid-1960s. On the other hand the Atlantic hurricane season was very active with 19 named storms and 12 hurricanes.

Arctic sea ice cover was the third smallest since records began in 1979, trailing only 2007 and 2008. The ice cover is considered a marker of climate change as global warming tends to be seen first at the poles.

Despite the overall warmth, 2010 saw record cold and snow in January and February in the Northern Hemisphere, particularly eastern North America.

From mid-June to mid-August an unusually strong jet stream shifted northward, bringing an unprecedented two-month heat wave to Russia and adding to devastating floods in Pakistan. □



Penguin tracking bands hurt the seabirds

WASHINGTON – Some scientists studying penguins may be inadvertently harming them with the metal bands they use to keep track of the tuxedo-clad seabirds, a new study says.

The survival rate of King penguins with metal bands on their flippers was 44 percent lower than those without bands and banded birds produced far fewer chicks, according to new research published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*.

The theory is that the metal bands — either aluminum or stainless steel — increase drag on the penguins when they swim, making them work harder, the study's authors said.

Author Yvon Le Maho of the University of Strasbourg in France, said the banded penguins looked haggard, appearing older than their actual age.

Consequently, studies that use banded penguins – including ones about the effects of global warming on the seabirds – may be inaccurate, mixing up other changes in penguin life with the effects from banding, said Le Maho and colleague Claire Saraux.

Le Maho said this is the first study showing a long-term harm from banding penguins.

“There is an ethical question: should we continue” with banding penguins? Le Maho asked. The very act of studying the birds is harming them, he said.

The researchers followed 50 already banded adult penguins and 50 without bands for 10 years, tracking them with under-the-skin transponders. Thirty-six percent of the non-banded seabirds survived for 10 years, compared to only 20 percent of the band-wearing birds.

In general, penguins live about 20 years. King penguins among the largest penguins at 3-feet tall can live even longer, Le Maho said. The no-band penguins had 80 chicks, while the banded seabirds produced 47 chicks, a 41 percent drop.

The penguins were studied on a French island in the Indian Ocean between Africa and Antarctica.

Penguin researchers have long debated the use of bands. The bands weigh just under an ounce and are a bit more than an inch wide, Saraux said.

One prominent American penguin researcher, P. Dee Boersma of the University of Washington, has been banding another kind of penguin for 28 years and will continue. □

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Lluvias dejan al menos 257 muertos en Brasil

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters) - Deslizamientos de tierra e inundaciones devastaron localidades de un área montañosa cerca de Río de Janeiro y causaron la muerte de decenas de personas, lo que elevó el miércoles la cifra de fallecidos por intensas lluvias en el sur de Brasil a al menos 257.

Al menos 130 personas perdieron la vida en Teresópolis, emplazada a alrededor de 100 kilómetros al norte de Río, dijeron funcionarios de la ciudad, cuando laderas de colinas y riberas de ríos cedieron ante el equivalente a un mes de lluvias en sólo 24 horas, llenando de agua y barro a varios poblados.

En la ciudad de Petrópolis murieron al menos 20 personas, y otras 107 fallecieron en Nova Friburgo, dijeron



Bomberos y policías revisan una estación policial inundada por lluvias en el centro de Franco Rocha, Brasil, ene 12 2011. Al menos 127 personas perdieron la vida debido a deslizamientos de tierra y destrucción de viviendas provocados por fuertes lluvias en un área montañosa cerca de Río de Janeiro, dijeron funcionarios el miércoles. REUTERS/Paulo Whitaker

Las precipitaciones causaron que al menos un río se saliera de sus márgenes, sumergiendo automóviles y destruyendo casas en Teresópolis, mostraron imágenes de televisión.

“Vi seis cuerpos en mi calle”, dijo a Reuters por teléfono Antonio Venancio, un residente de Teresópolis de 53 años, cuya casa fue inundada con barro pero se mantuvo en pie. “Simplemente no sabemos qué hacer ante algo tan horrible”, agregó.

El gobernador del estado de Río de Janeiro, Sergio Cabral, dijo en un comunicado que solicitó a la Armada aviones para llevar equipos de socorro y equipamiento a la región, que quedó parcialmente aislada de Río de Janeiro por carretera.

En la ciudad de Nova Friburgo, tres bomberos estaban desaparecidos luego de ser enterrados por un deslizamiento de tierra cuando trataban de rescatar víctimas, dijeron funcionarios de bomberos.

Una casa de tres pisos se derrumbó el martes, acabando con la vida de tres personas, incluyendo dos niños. Imágenes de televisión mostraron a autobuses y camiones varados en las calles, con el agua llegando hasta sus ventanas. □

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Venezuela no es una amenaza significativa

WASHINGTON (AP) - Estados Unidos no considera a Venezuela como una amenaza significativa para su seguridad nacional pero sus compras recientes de armamento generan cierta preocupación, dijo el miércoles el jefe del estado mayor conjunto de las fuerzas armadas estadounidenses.

El almirante Michael Mullen dijo a corresponsales extranjeros que el presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez ha adquirido una cantidad sustancial de armamento que recibirá durante los próximos años y agregó, “algunos de nosotros nos preguntamos: ¿cuál podría ser el objetivo de esas armas sofisticadas que está comprando? En esa perspectiva, hay una preocupación a la que seguimos constantemente”.

El gobierno venezolano ha comprado a Rusia aviones caza, helicópteros y 100.000 fusiles Lakashnikov por un valor superior a los 4.000 millones de dólares desde el 2005. Mullen describió la retórica de Chávez como “excepcionalmente fuerte contra Estados Unidos y que ciertamente no apoya una relación sólida entre los dos países”.

Estados Unidos y Venezuela no tienen embajadores en sus respectivas misiones diplomáticas después de que el mes pasado Caracas retiró su beneplácito al nominado Larry Palmer, quien sostuvo durante su proceso de aprobación que Venezuela alberga a las FARC. Washington respondió cancelando la visa al embajador venezolano Bernardo Alvarez. □

funcionarios del estado en un comunicado enviado por correo electrónico.

Las fuertes precipitaciones que han azotado al sudeste de Brasil en semanas recientes también causaron la muerte de 13 personas el martes en el estado de Sao Paulo y paralizaron el transporte en la capital financiera del país. Se cree que hay cerca de 50 desaparecidos sólo en Teresópolis, dijo el alcalde Jorge Mario al canal de

televisión Globo.

“Equipos de rescate aún están llegando a las áreas más afectadas”, declaró, y agregó que cerca de 1.000 personas han quedado damnificadas. “Es la mayor catástrofe en la historia de la ciudad”, añadió el alcalde.

Miles de personas de la pintoresca área, conocida como región Serrana, se encuentran aisladas por las inundaciones y no cuentan con energía ni línea telefónica.

Costa Rica satisfecha con exposición en La Haya

SAN JOSE (AP) - El canciller René Castro calificó de “excelente” la exposición que hizo Costa Rica ante un panel de jueces de la Corte Internacional de Justicia por la disputa con Nicaragua.

Ambos países mantienen desde octubre pasado una disputa por trabajos de dragado que lleva adelante Managua en el fronterizo río San Juan y que San José alega han causado daños ambientales en su territorio, así como la ocupación del mismo por personal militar y civil nicaragüense. Nicaragua rechaza las acusaciones.

La CIJ inició el martes con tres días de audiencias y el miércoles correspondió a Costa Rica defender su posición.

“Creo que fue un excelente día de respuesta”, dijo Castro desde la sede de la Corte, en un video distribuido por la Presidencia a los medios costarricenses.

“Costa Rica no acepta la tesis maquiavélica (de Nicaragua) de que el fin justifica los medios. Para nosotros el debido proceso es importante y no nos pueden argumentar que eventualmente la obra tendrá beneficios y que las acciones ilegales se arreglan con una indemnización”, expresó el jefe de la diplomacia costarricense. La exposición de Costa Rica ante el panel de jueces duró alrededor de una hora y media durante la cual Castro indicó que se buscó dejar claro que para el país “no es aceptable y consideramos ofensivo que otro país venga a decir a la Corte que pueden usar nuestro territorio, lanzar sedimentos y si había algún inconveniente, simplemente indemnizar”. Destacó que la tesis de Costa Rica es apoyada por entes independientes. El jueves, Nicaragua presentará sus alegatos. Y según Castro, ese día los jueces también les presentarán preguntas que deberán responder. □



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